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ACAS GET NUM TO TALKS

Nacods likely to cancel strike

By JOHN RICHARDS Industrial Correspondent

TALKS aimed at ending the 33-week miners' strike will be resumed today at Acas, the independent conciliation service, between the Coal Board and the National Union of Mineworkers.

Meanwhile, a formula to avert the stoppage by 17,000 pit deputies will be discussed by the executive of the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers.

The formula emerged from talks at Acas which ended last night with the peace process moving on to the main NUM dispute.

An Acas statement said: "Discussions today have taken place between the NCB and Nacods, as a result of which a statement will be put to a meeting of the Nacods executive tomorrow."

"Acas has tonight issued invitations to the Board and NUM for talks on the main dispute. Both have accepted, and we will be finalising the timing of this meeting tomorrow."

Settlement of the Nacods ahead of tomorrow's 6 a.m. national strike deadline would be the most hopeful sign yet in the pit dispute.

The overmen's strike threat could also have served a useful purpose in reopening the way for talks on the main miners' demand for withdrawal of the Coal Board plans to cut four million tonnes of mining capacity over the next 12 months.

Acas expected last night that the strike by the 17,000 deputies would be called off today.

'NCB must change its mind'

It had, however, brought the TUC into the centre of the peace moves and provided the opportunity for Acas to press both the Board and the NUM to make significant moves to restart the wider negotiations.

As he left Acas, Mr Arthur Scargill, NUM president, said he had met TUC representatives and had a discussion about certain matters which had arisen during the day of talks at Acas.

Following the talks, we have received a formal invitation to meet Acas, and we met them 20 minutes ago.

"Acas issued a formula invitation to the NUM and the Coal Board to talk tomorrow, and we have accepted that invitation."

Mr Scargill made it clear that his demands remain on the table.

These are withdrawal of the pit closure programme, agree-

ment to keep open five named pits, and agreement on a definition of exhaustion of reserves, which does not include the economic connotation which the Board have been seeking from March 6 this year," said Mr Scargill.

He hoped the Board would now have a change of mind and accept the "very pertinent points" put forward by the NUM.

"We are prepared to see the Board, but we hope the Board are prepared to move."

"We have agreed to come to talks tomorrow, but we have made it clear that, unless there is a change of mind, we are sitting around the table looking like a lot of lemons."

Cool cutback is key factor

Mr Scargill made it clear that the TUC would not be involved in today's talks with the Board.

The Coal Board negotiating team left Acas without making any statement at the end of a 10-hour day of negotiations.

Two strategies were still in the balance. The Board's priority was to settle with Nacods on their outstanding differences ahead of tomorrow's strike deadline, which could bring all the pits to a standstill.

TUC hopes were pinned on keeping the talks going a day.

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Scargill's wife cleared of picket line charge

By JAMES O'BRIEN

MRS ANNE SCARGILL, wife of the NUM president, and three other women were cleared at Mansfield last night of causing obstruction on a miners' picket line.

When magistrates dismissed the charges, Mrs Scargill and her supporters jumped to their feet and hugged and kissed each other.

A hurly miner at the back of the court shouted: "God bless Arthur."

Outside the court, Mrs Scargill said: "I never was guilty. If she would guilty." Asked if she would celebrate when the women were cleared, she said: "We shall celebrate when we win this strike. She promised she would also be back on the picket lines soon."

Mrs Scargill, 43, of Yew Lane, Worsborough, Dale, and three other women, Mrs Lyn Hatfield, 28, Mrs Elizabeth Hollis, 25, and Mrs Audrey Moore, 37, had all pleaded not guilty to charges of obstructing the highway and obstructing police.

Mrs Moore also pleaded not guilty to assaulting a police officer, a charge that was also dismissed.

Giving evidence yesterday, Mrs Scargill denied she had shouted "scab bastards" at miners going into work, although she admitted using the word "scab."

She also denied that she had "indicated her defiance" by grabbing hold of a fence and refusing police requests to move.

Also untrue, added Mrs Scargill, was a police claim that she had claimed to work in the pit canteen in an attempt to join an official picket at the main gate.

Very frightened

The arrest came as she and other women were walking away from the main demonstration. "We were surrounded by police, about six of them. I had my back to the fence and my friend Ann was facing it."

"I was very, very frightened. The police seemed very hostile. I couldn't understand what had happened because I hadn't seen anything."

Mrs Scargill said she had no recollection of police threatening to arrest her if she did not move. She had not, in her view, obstructed the highway or the police.

S. Africa 'purge' spreads

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION in Johannesburg

SOUTH AFRICA'S crack-down on the troubled black township of Sebokeng, south of Johannesburg, in which 7,000 troops and police were deployed in a cordon and search operation last night moved on to the adjoining townships of Sharpeville and Boipatong.

A total of 354 people were arrested in the unprecedented operation in Sebokeng which began at 3 a.m. yesterday and ended 14 hours later with every house in the township searched by police and every residents' identity checked.

Police said the operation had been carried out to restore law and order to the area, which for two months has been plagued by unrest over rent increases and by school boycotts. More than 70 people have died in sporadic violence recently in the Vaal Triangle townships, which serve the industrial area on the Vaal river.

'Civil war'

Black political organisations led by the United Democratic Front said the operation, code-named "Bullrush," amounted to a declaration of civil war. The official opposition Progressive Federal Party condemned the deployment of troops.

At one stage in the operation one person was arrested every minute. Police said arrests were made for a variety of alleged offences from possession of un-

licensed arms, banned literature, stolen property and drug offences. Many appeared in special courts almost immediately.

It was the first time troops have been used on a large scale in South Africa's long history of internal unrest.

Minimum of force

As police took journalists on a tour of the Sebokeng township it was clear the operation was being carried out with military precision and with minimum force.

Units of the South African Defence Force, including many national servicemen, were used only to cordon off the township while police units moved from door-to-door waking up the town's 120,000 residents.

Many observers believe the operation will probably be extended throughout the Vaal Triangle and to areas around Pretoria and Johannesburg and the Eastern Cape where there has also been wide-spread unrest.

U.S. JOINS IN OIL PRICE WAR

By Our Business Correspondent

Oil price cuts spread to the United States yesterday as key ministers from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed the outline of a defence strategy and began to try to heal breaches in the 15-member cartel.

The U.S. price cut of 75 cents a barrel was made by Mobil and follows the bigger \$1-35 a barrel reductions made by Britain and Norway and the \$2 reduction by Nigeria, the only Opec producer to move so far.

Six Ministers from key Opec states agreed in Geneva yesterday on production cuts of around three million barrels a day and to defend the \$29 a barrel price regime, at Monday's emergency meeting of all member countries.

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Two-week cut in summer time

Britain's official summer time will be shortened by two weeks from 1986 following a vote yesterday by the European Parliament to harmonise clock changes throughout the Common Market.

The vote is not binding but the British government has made clear it will support the change. It sets the second Sunday in October as the date for all clocks to go back by one hour.

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The Queen and President Mitterrand and (below) Prince Philip and Mme Danielle Mitterrand driving to Buckingham Palace yesterday at the start of the French leader's four-day State visit. Report—P19.



Chernenko war on farm ministers

By ROBIN CEDYE in Moscow

PRESIDENT CHERNENKO yesterday attacked bad management, waste and laziness as the causes of the Soviet Union's poor agricultural performance and called on the three ministers responsible to stamp them out.

The President said he would hold Mr Valentin Mesyats, Agriculture Minister, Mr Nikolai Kozlov, Minister of Fruit and Vegetables, and Mr Nikolai Vasilev, Minister of Land Reclamation and Water Resources, personally responsible for ending "dissipation of effort."

Addressing a special session of the Central Committee in Moscow, Mr Chernenko continued: "It is unforgivable that projected crop yields are so far obtained from only one third of irrigated areas in the country."

The productivity of virtually every region of the Russian federation has not been raised for many years. It is necessary to strive in every area for a drastic rise in labour productivity and an improvement in the quality of the product.

Improvement scheme

Mr Chernenko launched an improvement scheme under which major drainage and irrigation projects would be implemented to increase the area of land under cultivation.

The one-day meeting of the 300-member committee was expected to announce changes to the government hierarchy.

Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, Politburo member in overall charge of agriculture, failed to make a mention in the official press report on the meeting, leading to speculation that he had been removed from his post.

However, it was pointed out that when Mr Gorbachev delivered a speech to a Plenum on Feb. 15, no mention was made of his contribution until two days later.

Agriculture experts expect this year's harvest to be some 70 million tons below the 240 million target and 20 million below last year's figure.

In an effort to make up for bad weather and limited supplies in other countries, the Soviet Union has been on a grain buying spree to the United States.

Western experts now expect that total Soviet grain purchases from the European Community and America this year could reach a record 50 million tons compared with a previous high of 46 million.

BENEFITS OF LIFE AFLOAT

By COLIN RANDALL

THREE yacht-owners living on boats berthed in Torquay marina are having their mooring fees paid on social security because they are classed as homeless.

A family of four, a married couple and a single man are believed to be claiming rebates on fees of up to £20 a week under the same regulations which entitle land-based unemployed and others on supplementary benefit to obtain help towards rent.

A spokesman for the Department of Health and Social Security said that under housing benefit regulations those living permanently on boats, and not using them simply for holidays or pastimes, could claim up to 100 per cent of mooring fees.

"They would be dealt with in the same way as people living in caravans on a permanent basis," he said.

'Sea tramp'

One of Torquay's "boat people," Mr Derek Langley, 27, an unemployed engineer, lives on an 18-foot yacht with his dog, and says he is genuinely seeking work.

"Call me a sea tramp or what you like," he said. "I just cruise around because I do not like living in flats or caravans."

Another man, living on a 30-foot cruiser with his wife and two children, said it was a shorter walk from the Torquay marina to shops and services than in Brighton, where the family previously kept their boat.

And Mr Ken Cawley, 56, who is off to the South Pacific when his 18-foot boat is repaired, said: "Why not? It's the first time I've ever claimed, and I wouldn't have done so if my boat had not been caught in a storm."

Picture—P19

WORK STOPS AT SIT-IN CONSULATE

By Our Johannesburg Correspondent

Work at the British Consulate in Durban came to a standstill yesterday amid renewed speculation that Britain is about to close it and force an end to the six-week sit-in by three anti-apartheid demonstrators.

A spokesman for the British Embassy in Pretoria confirmed that most of the normal functions of the Durban Consulate had been transferred to the Johannesburg Consulate.

If the Consulate is officially closed, South African security police would be at liberty to enter it.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Troughs of low pressure will move N.E. from the Atlantic. S. ENGLAND, LONDON, S.E.: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, heavy in places at first. Showers, clear later. Wind S.E., fresh becoming S.W., moderate later. Max 59F (15C).

E. ANGLES, E. ENGLAND: Bright at first, becoming cloudy, rain, clearer, drier. Wind S.E., moderate or fresh becoming S.W., moderate later, max 57F (14C).

CHANNEL ISLANDS, S.W. ENGLAND, WALES: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, heavy in places at first. Showers, clear later. Wind S.E., fresh or strong locally gale becoming S.W., moderate later, max 57F (14C).

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER: Wind S.E., force 6-7 veering W. Sea very rough.

ENGLISH CHANNEL (E.I.), ST GEORGE'S CHANNEL: Wind S.E., veering S.W., force 6-7 to 8. Sea very rough.

IRISH SEA: Wind E., force 5 becoming force 6-7 to 8. Sea moderate becoming very rough. Outlook: Changeable. Weather Maps—P24

6-day battle to beat 'fiendish' bombs trap

By KENNETH CLARKE

ARMY bomb disposal teams last night won a six-day battle to defuse three huge booby-trapped landmines planted by terrorists on a country road in South Armagh.

The devices together weighed 700lbs and were intended to kill bomb experts. Several elaborate traps were left in and around the mines near a hijacked petrol tanker abandoned a few miles from Crossmaglen.

The mines, discovered after Royal Marines had sealed off the area round the tanker, were finally neutralised with a series of controlled explosions.

A senior police officer in Belfast said last night: "The terrorists had obviously gone to an awful lot of trouble to catch us out this time."

"They were particularly fiendish devices and it was only the expertise and courage of the bomb disposal men which undoubtedly saved many lives."

Gigantic operation

Several disposal teams were involved. It was a gigantic operation, certainly the longest of its kind for several years," he said.

The Army's chief bomb disposal expert in Northern Ireland was in charge of the operation. His identity was not disclosed for security reasons.

The tanker was hijacked on Monday last week near the village of Silverbridge and was found later the same day. After surveillance, including aerial photographs, the bomb experts moved in.

Tanker a 'come-on'

It was first feared that a device had been planted in the tanker. It was only later that three landmines were discovered.

A police spokesman said: "The tanker was really only a come-on. All the petrol had been taken out. But if anybody had driven down that road, they would have been blown to pieces."

Details of the disposal operation were not released until yesterday for security reasons.

£50,000 'BODY IN BOOT' REWARD

By Our Crime Correspondent

A £50,000 reward was offered yesterday by the family of Mr James Sargeant, 28, in the hope of raising information which would lead to the arrest of his murderer.

Mr Sargeant's body was found in the boot of a Volkswagen car parked in the short-term car park at Gatwick airport in August. He had been shot.

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LEGAL MOVE TO STOP STRIKERS' WELFARE CASH

By DAVID FLETCHER
Health Services Correspondent

A DECISION by social security officers to pay Family Income Supplement of about £20-a-week to the family of a striking miner is being challenged by the Government and a hearing is expected shortly, the Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday.

The challenge is regarded as a test case, for if the claim is allowed it could open the flood gates to Family Income Supplement payments costing millions of pounds.

VAUXHALL CALL TO STAY OUT

By STEPHEN WARD
Industrial Staff

WORK at Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port car plant returned to normal yesterday as the remaining 2,000 of the 4,400-strong workforce voted to end a two-week pay strike.

But shop stewards at the other large factory in Luton are believed to have decided to recommend 7,500 workers to stay on strike when they meet tomorrow.

The pay offer is worth 7.5 per cent on basic rates, including 22 which is a new money, but bonus transferred to basic pay. It will also bring further increases in May from a change in the grading structure.

Picketing reduced Last year a pay strike at Vauxhall collapsed at Luton before Ellesmere Port went back.

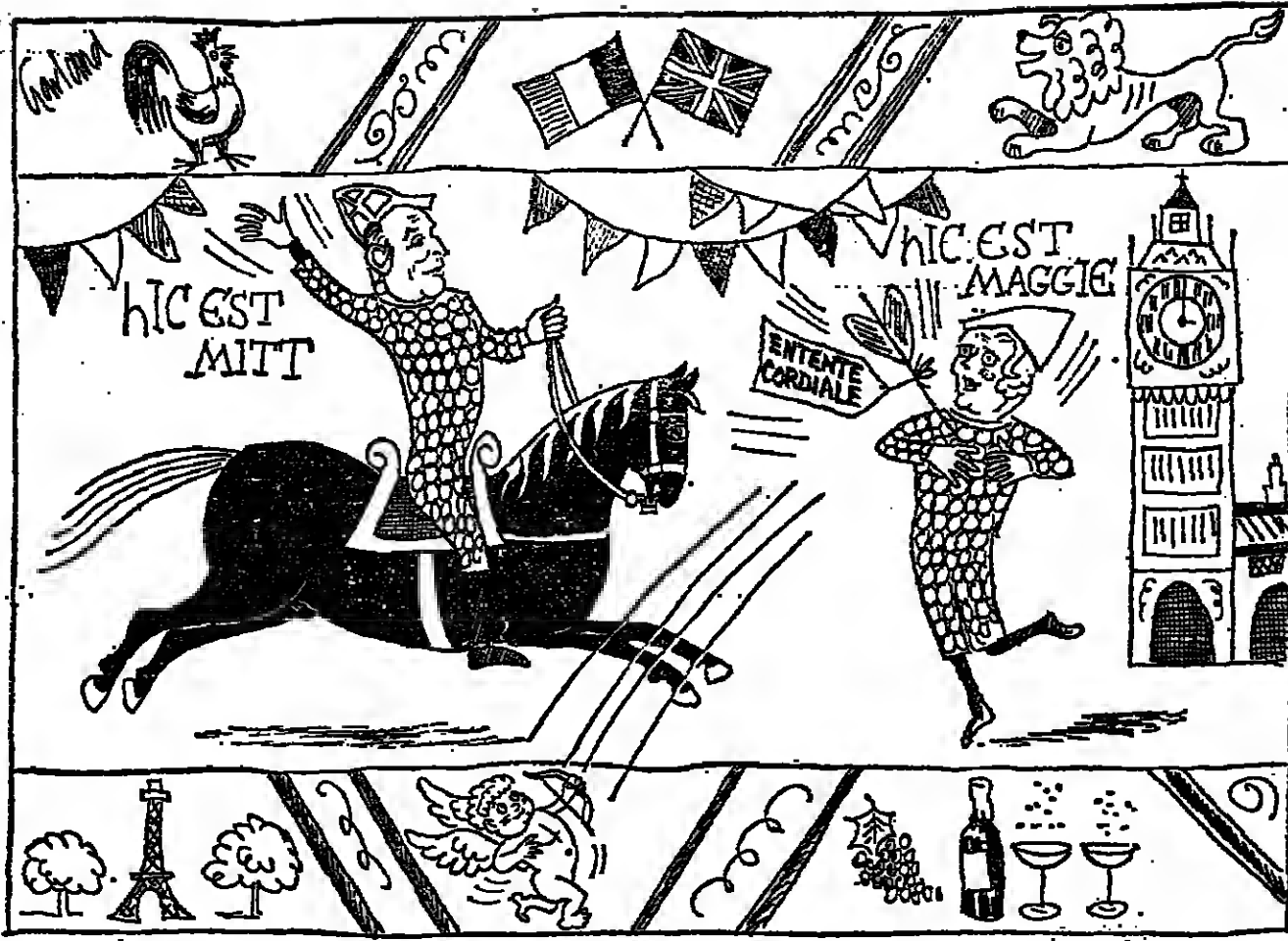
A company spokesman emphasised last night that there was no question of any more money being made available.

Pickets who had been stopping the import of Vauxhalls from Germany through Hartlepool and Bristol have now gone, but there are still some at the third port of entry, Sheerness.

Basic average pay of Vauxhall workers is £116 a week.

STUBBLE CASES

Fifteen Lincolnshire farmers are to be prosecuted for breaching bylaws specially brought in to control stubble and straw burning.



WARSHIPS IN REFIT CASH TEST

By JOHN PETTY
Shipping Correspondent

BIG contracts to refit warships went to two small privately-owned shipyards yesterday, with identical work on similar craft to be done by Devonport Dockyard in a Government test to find the best value for money.

Humber Shiprepairers is to get 105 weeks to refit the Oberon class diesel-electric submarine Otter, 2,030 tons. Devonport dockyard will get a similar time to refit a sister ship, the Arethusa.

Tyne Shiprepairers, bought by its management from British Shipbuilders earlier this year, won a 41-week contract to refit the Enryalus, 2,450 tons, an Ikara Leander class frigate.

Devonport has a similar time for the Osiris, of the same class. All the ships are a little over 20 years old.

No price has been disclosed for the work, but it is estimated that Devonport's charge will be £30 million for its two craft.

'Wires down' blow on BR's troubled line

By JOHN PETTY Transport Correspondent

BRITISH RAIL engineers are deeply worried by a series of serious incidents on lines through Essex, which culminated yesterday in a massive disruption of services when two miles of overhead electric wires came down between Chelmsford and Shenfield.

"It is certainly not caused by economising on maintenance," said Eastern Region. "We never cut costs on safety. We are concerned at the incidents and every one is being investigated."

The lines involved are main feeder routes into London, affecting services from as far out as Norwich and carrying many thousands of commuters every day.

It began last month when wires were brought down at Hatfield. Several incidents on Oct. 2. Mainline services from as far apart as Southend and Norwich had delays of an hour and more when two freightliners' wagons were derailed at Ilford.

Another freightliner was derailed between Mistley and Wabness on the route to Har-

TIGHTER SECURITY FOR CBI

By Our Business Correspondent

SECURITY is being tightened at the Confederation of British Industry's annual conference in Eastbourne in the wake of the Brighton bomb blast.

The presence of the Prime Minister and 700 leading businessmen as well as 45 MPs at the three-day event has produced a review of arrangements and resulted in changes.

Mrs Thatcher is due to appear at a heavily publicised pre-conference meeting a week on Sunday to answer questions at an open "Industry and Politics" session, chaired by Mr Peter Murray, the disc jockey.

A planned demonstration by the Eastbourne Trades Council before Mrs Thatcher speaks is understood to have been called off because of the Brighton bombing.

Checks at the conference hall and Eastbourne hotels have been stepped up and the CBI has hired a security firm to vet delegates and guests as well as maintain a round-the-clock watch.

Tory groundswell grows over hanging for terrorists

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

CALLS by two groups of Conservative MPs for the restoration of the death penalty have been made in the Commons Order Paper following the Provisional IRA bomb attack on the Grand Hotel, Brighton.

The principal one, signed by 30 MPs, says "death should be the penalty for acts of terrorism causing death."

Its sponsors include Sir Ian Percival, a former Solicitor-General, Mr Edward du Cann, chairman of the 1922 committee of Tory backbenchers, and Mr Geoffrey Rippon, a former Cabinet Minister.

The second motion, signed by 16 MPs, says that the Government should provide Parliamentary time for an early debate "on the question of the death penalty being made available for acts of terrorism."

One of its sponsors, Mr Peter Bruinvels, (Leicester E.), said he had received 400 letters of support since the Brighton bomb.

No referendum Another senior Conservative MP, Sir Patrick Wall (Beverly), tabled a third motion "that prior to any debate there should be a national referendum on the restoration of the death penalty."

Many MPs of all parties believe that a national referendum would give a majority vote in favour of capital punishment being brought back.

But there is no prospect of the Government holding a referendum or giving MPs another opportunity to debate the issue, despite the fact that the Prime Minister in an interview after the Brighton outrage stated her long-held belief that the death penalty should be available to the courts.

In the last Commons debate 15 months ago, a motion in favour of restoring death for terrorist murders was defeated by 116 votes.

A few MPs may have joined the pro-hanging lobby since then but not in sufficient numbers to change the situation.

SOLDIER CHARGED

A 21-year-old soldier, serving in Ulster, appeared in court in Lisburn yesterday charged with attempted murder and attempted rape. He was remanded in custody for a week.

NEWSPAPER BINGO FACES CHALLENGE

By STEPHEN WARD
Industrial Staff

BINGO and similar games run by many newspapers are breaking the law, the National Union of Journalists claimed yesterday.

The union bases its claim on clear advice given to it by solicitors and barristers in Scotland and Scotland.

Several MPs have agreed to ask the Attorney General and Director of Public Prosecutions in England, and the Lord Advocate in Scotland, to investigate all the games, and give a ruling.

If the games were ruled illegal, newspapers would face criminal prosecution if they continued them.

The NUJ says the James Contravene the 1876 Lotteries Act because they are games of chance, with no element of skill which would make them legal. Also there is a charge for entering, because the papers cost money.

As a legal precedent, the union quotes a 1980 decision by the House of Lords, which ruled that bingo cards in cigarette packets broke the same law. The tobacco company argued unsuccessfully that the customer would have bought the cigarettes anyway.

Risk of extinction

A meeting of the NUJ's national newspaper council agreed yesterday to try to get the James ruled illegal. No particular newspaper would be singled out, but the union would seek a ruling on each one individually.

Mr Mike Smith, an NUJ national officer, said the union would be working with the other print unions to try to stop the games.

He said the union feared that one or more national newspapers would be driven out of business by the promotional cost of bingo-type games.

The Persecution of Andrei Sakharov

This Appeal is being published in 37 Reader's Digest editions in 14 languages throughout the world

It is January 22, 1980, a cold grey Tuesday in Moscow. A policeman stands in the centre of Leninsky Prospekt, one of Moscow's main streets, searching south-bound traffic. At 5pm he sees what he is looking for—a black, limousine-driven Volga limousine and signals it to the kerb. A stoop-shouldered man with a wisp of white hair and deep-set eyes is sitting in the back. Passers-by turn to watch as plain-clothes police, whose high-handed self-assertion marks them as KGB, get into the car, which then melts into the traffic. The more courteous is being hailed off to confront the error of his ways.

But there is a difference. This comrade is Andrei Sakharov—one of the towering intellects of our time and the outspoken soul of the beleaguered human-rights movement in the USSR. Unable to silence him, afraid to raise the ire of the Kremlin by murdering him, the Kremlin has decided to isolate Sakharov.

It all goes quickly. Sakharov is driven to the office of the procurator general of the USSR and informed that for anti-Soviet activities he is to be stripped of his decorations and awards, and deprived of the right to live in Moscow, the city where he has spent nearly his whole life. That afternoon, he and his second wife, Elena Bonner, are flown 250 miles east to Gorki, a bleak military-industrial city closed to foreigners and far from the academic stimulation essential to Sakharov's work.

ON DAYS when the wind wasn't blowing too hard, the exile would walk in the dreary district where he was made to live. Usually Elena Bonner walked with him, slowly, both with ailing hearts, both suddenly turned old. Sakharov would carry a shoulder-bag crammed with manuscripts, journals, a radio. He took it everywhere, even when he went out to buy bread. Why? "Because the police would break in, smash the radio and steal the papers," said the exile. They had done it before.

Ironically, Andrei Sakharov had once been a pillar of the establishment, among the most privileged of Soviet citizens. Although he never joined the Communist Party, the men in the Kremlin considered him one of their own: their scientific prodigy. They showered him with every honour and material comfort.

But Sakharov was not one of them. In 1953, he had made the decisive contribution to the Soviet hydrogen bomb in the belief that once both superpowers held this catastrophic weapon they would be forced to negotiate their differences. Gradually he felt driven to speak out against



the nuclear threat to humanity. Then he began raising issues that no one wanted to talk about, taking the side of those who were in trouble with the KGB because of what they believed.

Disent in the USSR is a lightning-conductor; eventually it called down on Sakharov's head the thundering fulminations of the wardens of Soviet orthodoxy.

The Sakharovs are installed in a KGB-controlled flat, four small rooms on the ground floor of a building opposite the police station. The police can—and do—look directly into their windows. There is no telephone; soon after they move in, a police post is established outside their door—a table, a chair, four six-hour shifts every day.

Still stunned by what has happened to them, they are grateful for the couple across the hall. "If you need anything, just knock," says the husband. A woman who lives upstairs befriends them; her child suffers from an allergic rash and Elena Bonner, a paediatrician, prescribes a successful treatment.

But the KGB sees everything. One day the couple deliberately turn their backs on the Sakharovs. And when the woman upstairs next sees Elena, she cries out, "Where! It would have been better for my child to rot than be taunted by your dirty hands!"

Born in Moscow on May 21, 1921, Andrei Dimitrievich Sakharov grew up in a lively, intellectually invigorating household. Like many Russian families, this one suffered during the Stalin terror—nine close relatives were arrested as "enemies of the people," and seven of them disappeared in camps or internal exile. But Andrei's father, a well-known author and physics teacher, was spared, and the boy went on to Moscow State University. He was the most brilliant physics student anyone there could remember.

Graduating in the spring of 1942, Sakharov was detailed to a munitions

factory on the Volga, where he could apply his genius at physics and mathematics to solving engineering problems. Afterwards he returned to Moscow, pursued his studies, married, published several significant scientific papers. Then, one day in 1948, he disappeared from public view: not a word was heard of him for nearly ten years. In deepest secrecy, Sakharov had been put to work with the handful of scientists racing to develop a thermonuclear weapon.

On August 22, 1953, the Russians successfully detonated a hydrogen bomb and, three months later, at the age of 32, Andrei Sakharov was secretly elected to the Soviet Academy of Sciences, the youngest man ever so honoured. But his subsequent efforts to stave off the "criminal" multi-megaton tests in the atmosphere brought a warning from Premier Khrushchev: those decisions would be made in the Kremlin; they did not concern scientists.

It was a turning point. When the tests went on, Sakharov was "seized," as he put it, "with an awful sense of powerlessness... it was terrible. After that I was a different man."

He protested against other government policies: openly disagreeing with Khrushchev's plan to send students to work in factories or on farms; opposing the influence of Trofim Lysenko, the quick geneticist whose malign power had debased Soviet biology and genetics; decriing the industrial pollution of Siberia's once-magnificent Lake Baikal.

In 1966, after the writers Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuli Daniel were sent to prison for "slandering the USSR," Sakharov and other intellectuals wrote to the new Soviet leader, Leonid Brezhnev, saying that a revival of the Stalinist repression would be "a great disaster."

Still, the men in the Kremlin were willing to gloss over his added notions if only he would shut up. Not one understood the passion that drove him.

The year was 1968 and Sakharov's "manifesto," *Progress, Coexistence, and Intellectual Freedom*, a major statement of his world-view, was already circulating in the Russian underground Press. In it, he detailed his vision of a future free of the tensions and repressions afflicting men and nations, and with an enlightened USSR joining the West to save mankind from the disasters of civilization—war, pollution, starvation.

When the document was published in the West, it made Sakharov world-famous. But the more he was hailed abroad, the testier grew the Soviet leaders. They began to react with

venom. Sakharov's security clearance was abruptly cancelled; he was dropped to the lowest possible work for his academic ranking, his brilliant career forced into a scientific backwater. In the midst of these travails, his first wife died of cancer.

By the terms of his exile, Sakharov is forbidden to leave Gorki or communicate with foreigners and "criminal elements." Friends are turned away at the door and threatened with jail if they return. Whenever Sakharov steps out of his home, plainclothes policemen follow.

More and more Sakharov's first concern was to help victims of the Soviet system. And more and more his own fate became intertwined with theirs—human-rights advocates, Tatars not allowed to live in their Crimean homeland, fundamentalist Christians persecuted for practising their faith. Jews who had lost their jobs because they asked to live in Israel.

He spent days answering the thousands of letters that now came to him, writing appeals, interceding with the authorities or consulting lawyers on behalf of imprisoned dissidents. It was a struggle with few victories. But he did not give up.

He began to appear at the trials of those charged with political offences. At just such a trial, in October 1970, Sakharov met Elena Bonner. She was a force in her own right, a tough-minded activist, 47 years old. Her mother had spent 17 years in labour camps and internal exile, and her father had died in prison, before both were "rehabilitated" by a regretful motherland. Sakharov the middle-aged widower with three grown-up children, and Elena Bonner, long divorced, with two grown-up children, fell deeply in love. They were married the next year.

The government-orchestrated pressures against Sakharov built up relentlessly. Two alleged Arab terrorists broke into his flat in 1973 and threatened him with "something worse than death" if he continued to make public statements about Israel. In Moscow—where there are no street maps worthy of the name—the idea that two foreigners could even locate Sakharov's flat without police connivance was ludicrous.

About the same time, Elena's daughter was expelled from Moscow State University and her son was denied entry. She herself was called in by the KGB four times and abusively interrogated. Depressed, the weariness in his face reflecting tremendous burdens, Sakharov protested against this official "huggery."

Elena Bonner is his lifeline. As long as the police allow her to leave Gorki, she travels to Moscow regularly and is able to let the free world know something of Sakharov's life in exile. Returning, she brings news, scientific books and papers, and fresh food rarely available in Gorki.

But the KGB watch-dogs are biting their time; they know what to do. When

Sakharov is effectively isolated, when the world can no longer learn what he is doing or thinking, or the state of his health—in short, when he is a non-person—the Kremlin will have resolved the Sakharov problem.

In December, 1982 Elena Bonner is subjected to a humiliating body search on board the Moscow train, put off and forced to walk to the nearest station. The following April in Gorki, she suffers a massive coronary seizure, but appears to recover. Later in 1983 she suffers a second severe heart attack. But she is indomitable. In only a few weeks she is back again for Moscow, carrying what she fears may be Andrei Sakharov's last messages from exile.

In October 1975, electrifying news came to Andrei Sakharov: he had just been named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. His friends around the world would ensure his safety.

But the fury in the Kremlin was now unbounded. No Soviet citizen had ever before been so honoured. That the coveted prize should go to their most dangerous and implacable foe was intolerable. With malice aforethought, the hierarchy refused to grant Sakharov a visa to accept the award when he applied. In the end Elena Bonner went to Oslo and read his speech to the distinguished gathering.

Democratization of the Soviet system is essential to world peace, he said, and international security inconceivable without an open society. He called for an amnesty of all Soviet political prisoners, named 120 "known to me" and begged forgiveness from others not mentioned. "Every single name, mentioned and unmentioned, represents a hard and heroic destiny, years of struggling for human dignity."

When Soviet forces invaded Afghanistan in late December 1979, Sakharov condemned this brutal violation of international law. Three weeks later, he was expelled to Gorki without even the pretence of a trial. But he continued to plague the Kremlin leaders. When they refused an exit visa for his daughter-in-law, Liza Alexeyeva, who wanted to join her husband in the US, he and Elena Bonner began a hunger strike that riveted world attention on this latest Soviet exercise in malevolent injustice. After 18 desperate days during which both Sakharovs came close to death, the Kremlin capitulated. Liza Alexeyeva was given her visa.

But that success was only one more score to be settled. Last autumn, following Elena Bonner's second heart attack, Sakharov petitioned the state to permit her to go abroad for treatment. He feared for her life if she were to go into hospital in Russia, he said frankly, "and her death would be my own." Last February Sakharov petitioned once more. There was no reply.

On April 24, friends in Moscow received a telegram from Elena saying she would arrive on May 2. When she did not appear, it was recalled how she had repeatedly emphasized that her failure to keep pre-arranged travel plans could only mean she was being held against her will.

On May 6, Irina Kravchik, a close friend, took the train to Gorki and, as specified in a contingency plan long before, met the Sakharovs in front of their block of flats. Hastily they gave her the grim news: that Elena Bonner was confined to Gorki and under investigation for "defaming the Soviet state," and that she had also been threatened with a charge of treason, a crime that carries the death penalty; that Sakharov had begun a hunger strike on May 2 and meant to "fast to the end if they do not let her go abroad for medical treatment."

At that point, an impenetrable curtain of silence descended around the Sakharovs. Official disinformation abounded, however. At the end of May, Soviet officials blandly declared that Sakharov "was well, eating regularly and leading an active way of life." But subsequent evidence passed on to the international Press by reliable sources inside the USSR suggested that Sakharov was being forced in a Gorki hospital and treated with mind-altering drugs. Responding to rising concern in the West, the Soviets released a month-old videotape late August. In it, Sakharov videotaped to have aged "significantly and dramatically," according to his son-in-law Efrem Yankelevich. About the same time, it was reported that Elena Bonner had been sentenced to five years of internal exile after being convicted of "slandering the Soviet state."

In the judgement of Elena Bonner's daughter, Tatiana Yankelevich, who lives in the US, the Kremlin's goal has been "to bury the Sakharovs to Gorki—alive or dead." Will the Soviet authorities succeed? So far, they have ignored the formalized representations of Western leaders. But can they turn a deaf ear if people the world over join their voices in a combined crescendo of protest pouring into the United Nations?

Follow the instructions below and let the Kremlin know that attempts to make a non-person of Russia's most admired citizen have failed. Let Soviet officials dom see that the free world will not forget about Andrei Sakharov.

Make Your Voice Heard Write to the Soviet Government on Sakharov's behalf. Your letter should be short and to the point. Send it to: Chairman of the Supreme Soviet, c/o UN Secretary General Javier Pérez de Cuellar, United Nations Secretariat, New York, NY 10017, USA. Airmail postage to the US is 31p for a letter weighing not more than 10g, or 26p for an aerogramme.

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MARCOS FACES DILEMMA ON AQUINO REPORT

By IAN WARD

Daily Telegraph South-East Asia Correspondent

PRESIDENT MARCOS of the Philippines faces a political dilemma today with one part of a split official report condemning his key military henchman and Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Gen. Fabian Ver, for involvement in the assassination last year of Benigno Aquino, Opposition leader.

The other part of the split report practically exonerates the general and President Marcos, 67, has to decide whether to indict Gen. Ver on charges of murdering the charismatic Aquino and thus risk a coup attempt by angry senior officers.

There is also another risk. Should President Marcos ignore that section of the assassination commission's findings directly connecting the Armed Forces chief to the killing, and accept the minority opinion that there is insufficient evidence to charge Gen. Ver, this might result in large-scale and violent demonstrations of protest.

Separate report

Mrs Corazon Agrava, chief of the five-member commission inquiring into the assassination, issued yesterday a separate report from that of her four colleagues. She said she could not agree with them on the culpability of Gen. Ver.

Mrs Agrava, a retired Supreme Court judge, concurred with the rest of her board that Aquino died as the result of a military plot and not, as the Government had long claimed, at the hands of a Communist assassin.

Aquino, arch-political rival of President Marcos, was shot through the back of the skull as he alighted from a commercial jetliner at Manila International airport on August 21, 1983. He was attempting to return home after three years' exile in the United States and lead the Opposition in an electoral race against the incumbent Marcos regime.

Mrs Agrava, who handed over her findings to President Marcos during a specially televised ceremony, named a lower-

ranking general and six soldiers as being involved in the plot. But she whitewashed the Government's position by stating: "It should not be difficult to conclude that the administration, including Gen. Ver, could not be held in any way responsible for the criminal plot."

This was consistent neither with the Government's original basic policy of keeping Senator Aquino away from the Philippines, nor later on with the change of that basic policy to a directive for his arrest, the commission chief added.

'Not a plotter' Mrs Agrava stated flatly: "Gen. Ver was not a plotter." Her report then maintains that the Armed Forces chief could also not be indicted under the concept of command responsibility since the ultimate responsibility lay with the commander of the troops at the time of the incident, in this case Gen. Luther Custodio, Aviation Security Command chief.

The others named by Mrs Agrava are: Sergeants Claro Lat, Arnulfo de Mesa, Filomeno Miranda and Armando de la Cruz, and Corporals Mario Jazaga and Rogelio Moreno, all members of the military squad sent to escort Aquino from the aircraft.

The four other members of the commission of inquiry are to release their findings today. But a pre-release copy of their report issued to journalists last night made it clear they felt Gen. Ver was definitely one of the plotters.



News Round-up

RECOVERY PLAN FOR ISRAEL

By MAIER ASHER
in Jerusalem

THE Israeli government yesterday accepted a plan to freeze wages, prices and taxes from Nov. 1 in an attempt to halt the 1,000 per cent annual inflation.

A special Cabinet meeting adopted a "package deal" presented by Mr. Yitzhak Mordechai, Finance Minister, providing for immediate negotiations between the government, unions and private manufacturers.

Under the deal employees would no longer have their wages adjusted upwards according to the rise of the index. Manufacturers would maintain stable prices by absorbing increases and the government curb tax rises by cutting its expenditure.

The freeze would last for six months with prices based on the shekel's value on Nov. 1. An alternative plan to link the value of the Israeli currency to the American dollar rate was rejected.

Pregnancy visa

An eight months pregoat woman and her family, who are among 150 East Germans seeking refuge in the West German Embassy in Prague, would be granted an exit visa on return to East Germany, says the West German newspaper Bild. So far only freedom from arrest has been offered to the other refugees if they return.

Spain to vote

Spain's referendum on whether to stay in Nato has been set for early 1986, with voting before March. Clearly indicating that the Socialist government will urge the electorate to vote for staying in Nato, Senor Gonzalez, Prime Minister, told MPE: "I am not for renouncing the treaty." But he did not think Spain needed to enter Nato's military structure.

Speaker jailed

The Deputy Speaker of Zimbabwe's Parliament, James Basopapo-Moyo, was sentenced to five years' jail with two years suspended after being found guilty on two counts of attempted murder. He immediately appealed.

Gemayel's visits

President Gemayel of Lebanon arrived in Rome after a 24-hour visit to Libya where he met Col Gaddafi, a fact that was considered "significantly unusual to attract diplomatic attention."

Submarine Exocet

A new submarine-launched version of the Exocet missile and an updated ship-based weapons system designed to destroy it are among exhibits at a naval equipment fair which opened at Le Bourget, north of Paris.

Starving Ethiopians waiting for something to eat at Korem in the drought-hit Wollo province where famine victims are dying at the rate of 40 a day. The shortage of food is matched by another shortage—of lorries to carry it from the ports.

Starving die as food piles up in Ethiopia

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN

FAMINE victims in Ethiopia are dying while waiting for rations because of delays in distributing gifts of food from Britain and other countries.

The distribution system is described as "totally inadequate" by the World Food Programme, the Rome-based United Nations relief agency that has helped organise 370,000 tons of emergency food supplies to Ethiopia this year.

Food is piling up at entry ports because not enough lorries are being provided by deliveries from Assab have doubled from 500 to 1,000 tons a day in the past week, since more lorries have been made available, but they are still moving far too slowly.

Between 10,000 and 12,000 famine victims are camped at Korem and an additional 250,000 people have come into the area to collect food rations of 15 kilos (33lb) of wheat a month for adults and a smaller quantity for children.

But the World Food Programme says people waiting three weeks at Korem for food lorries are dying at the rate of 40 a day. A measles epidemic has caused 128 additional deaths.

The bottleneck at Assab has worsened since 50,000 tons of emergency food were discharged there two weeks ago. Off-loading facilities can handle only between 1,000 and 1,500 tons a day, causing further hold-ups.

Blocked roads Big hold-ups are also reported in supplies shipped through the northern port of Massawa; and the road south from Asmara has been blocked for four weeks by the Tigre People's Liberation Front, a vicious food reaching 30,000 famine victims at Makalle, Tigre province.

The World Food Programme is now arranging for a Hercules aircraft to fly food to Makalle from Asmara. Shipments totalling 52,450 metric tons of emergency food scheduled for Ethiopia next month include 4,000 tons of wheat from the British Government, which is also contributing to food aid from the EEC and 10,000 tons of wheat from Oxfam, one of five British charities which raised £9 million for the famine in Africa appeal this summer.

A further 15,500 metric tons of wheat is due for delivery from Oxfam, which is sending 34,500 tons this month.

Human rights workers 'tortured'

By JOHN BULLOCH
Diplomatic Staff

MANY governments have attacked human rights groups under the pretence that the organisations constitute a threat to national security, according to the annual report of Amnesty International, published yesterday.

Three examples

The Amnesty report gives three examples of people who have been victimised for their human rights work. Labour lawyer Volodya Uryzov has "disappeared" in Guatemala; Levko Lukyanenko is serving 15 years in the Soviet Union for his activities with the Ukraine Helsinki monitoring group; and in China, Wei Jingsheng has been in solitary confinement since

1979 for editing an unofficial journal.

Amnesty notes that human rights violations are not the work of Governments only. Opposition groups too have committed abuses. But, while Amnesty condemns such acts, it holds Governments of countries responsible for dealing with them and upholding international standards for the protection of human rights.

The Amnesty report gives detailed accounts of the situation in 117 countries, but says it was impossible to gather enough information to report on 11 others.

Amnesty International Report 1984. Amnesty International Publications, Easton St, London.

CHANGE AT THE TOP IN IRAN

By JOHN BULLOCH
Diplomatic Staff

IRAN said yesterday that its latest offensive against Iraq had been completed with "total success" as a new appointment in Teheran gave indications of dissension among the country's rulers.

The Iranians announced the capture of 20 square miles of what they said was their own territory occupied by Iraq since the beginning of the Gulf war four years ago. But Iraq claimed it had repulsed the third of three Iranian offensives in as many days, and had inflicted more than 1,400 casualties.

Meanwhile, the Iranian Army Chief of Staff, Brig. Gen. Qasem Ali Zahir Nejad, has been appointed as Ayatollah



Khomeini's second personal representative on the Supreme Defence Council, the inner cabinet formed to run the war.

Until now, the powerful, hard-line Speaker of the Majlis, Hashem Rafsanjani, had been the representative of the country's "supreme guide."

By appointing a second man with direct access to himself, the Ayatollah has indicated he is not satisfied with Rafsanjani's conduct of the war, or his personal attitude.

Baath success Iraq's ruling Baath Party has won 75 per cent of the 250 seats in the National Council (Parliament) elected last Saturday, according to Government magazine.—Renter.

Under-30s want Reagan to stay as President

By IAN BRODIE in Portland, Oregon

WITH the American elections less than two weeks away, President Reagan, 73, is vigorously pressing his solid margin of support among voters under 30.

At rallies in California and Oregon hundreds of clean-cut young people gave him a noisily enthusiastic welcome.

Many wore T-shirts saying: "Another student for Reagan-Bush in '84. And Mr Reagan was on the youth trial again yesterday with a large rally at the University of Portland in the north-western state of Oregon.

Mr Reagan brings his standard campaign speech to a close with a rousing, avuncular promise to young people. As he told them in San Diego, California, "It's the responsibility of my generation, and those in between, to see that you grow up the same way we did, in a country of hope and opportunity. Our job is to hand you an America that is free in a world at peace."

'Best days to come' Reiterating the same theme at a sunset rally in the beautiful small town of Medford, Oregon, Mr Reagan declared: "America's best days are yet to come. You ain't seen nothing yet."

Mr Reagan is winning the votes of under-30s by a 57 to 43 per cent margin over Mr Mondale, according to the latest Louis Harris poll. "Young voters state firmly they are not concerned about Mr Reagan's age."

Among older voters, however, Mr Reagan is slipping in what Mr Harris calls a "striking reversal of traditional voting patterns."

With voters aged 50 to 64, whom he won by 15 points in

1980, the President now holds only a seven-point edge, 52-45. Among those over 65, who gave him a nine-point edge four years ago, he is now actually trailing Mr Mondale, 50-47.

Mr Harris said that older voters were concerned about the age question and sceptical of Mr Reagan's assurances that he will not cut social security benefits for the elderly.

Mr Reagan's appeal to the young can be linked to strikingly more conservative attitudes. On the West Coast, where universities were hotbeds of radicalism in the 1960s, concern is now focused more on careers than issues.

Enrolments in liberal arts courses are down while those for business studies, vocational courses, and science are up.

Mr Reagan's visit to Oregon was timed to follow his belated signing last week of a Bill providing a half-out of \$800 million (\$804 million) to the timber industry, which has yet to recover robustly from the recession.

Bomber factory Although Mr Reagan took all the West in 1980 there were some polls showing the timber issue might turn Oregon and the neighbouring state of Washington into close races.

The Presidential visit to California enabled Mr Reagan to pay a timely call on the factory building the B-1 strategic bomber—a project killed with Mr Mondale's approval by President Carter and re-instated by Mr Reagan.

The visit to southern California was also made to counter a late "blitz" of campaigning by Democrats. California has the most electoral votes, 47, and some Democrats believe Mr Mondale and his running-mate Mrs Ferraro, have more momentum there than in the East.

Mondale's aides say victory within grasp

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS in Columbus, Ohio

WITH Democratic strategists adamant that Mr Walter Mondale is still "within grasp" of election victory, the Presidential challenger yesterday headed for Ohio, Michigan and Illinois, the Midwest industrial states crucial to his campaign chances.

His advisers acknowledge that to win next month, the Democrats must capture most of the so-called "rust belt" states heavily populated with blue collar workers.

It is a forbidding task. Democratic analysts list Ohio and Illinois as their most promising prospects, but even there opinion polls show Mr Mondale lagging by at least eight points.

"Nobody's kidding themselves," said Mr Richard Moe, a Mondale staff adviser. "It's still uphill."

But another adviser, Mr Richard Leone, said: "All the States we need to win are closer than 10 (opinion poll) points. The biggest upset in American political history is now within our grasp."

FERRARO DENIAL

Unwelcome stories

IAN BALL in New York writes: A fortnight before polling day, Mrs Geraldine Ferraro, the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, had the embarrassing task yesterday of drafting yet another denial that her husband had business dealings with organised crime figures.

The reports, she said: "Leave an impression that is wrong, altogether inaccurate and offensive."

But, even as the denial was being issued after a report in the PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, two more unwelcome stories appeared.

The New York Times said the Manhattan District Attorney's office had begun calling witnesses to a Grand Jury investigation of two real estate transactions involving Mrs Ferraro's husband, John Zaccaro.

EEC BUDGET CONTROLS DELAYED

By ALAN OSBORN
Common Market Correspondent

COMMON Market foreign ministers yesterday put off a decision on the control of EEC spending, raising the prospect of a serious financial crisis in the Community next month.

The Brussels Commission has said that if fresh cash is not made available by member Governments in the next few weeks it will have to cut its routine payments to farmers.

A supplementary budget to raise £600 million has been provisionally agreed by ministers but Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, said yesterday that the Government would not put it to the Commons for approval until the permanent spending controls were agreed, not expected before the end of next month.

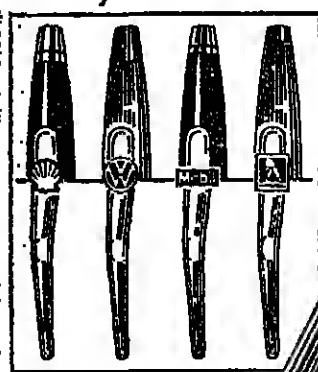
A further threat to the financial rescue operation could come from the European Parliament, which is to consider the supplementary budget in Strasbourg today.

Almost certainly the Parliament will vote to increase the £600 million. Its budget committee has already stated that the supplementary budget should be raised by 50 per cent.

But budget ministers of the Ten, who will also be meeting in Strasbourg today, will say that there is simply no room for any increase.

The Parliament may therefore have to settle for only token changes in the supplementary budget if it is not to risk being cast as the wreckers of the emergency financing plan.

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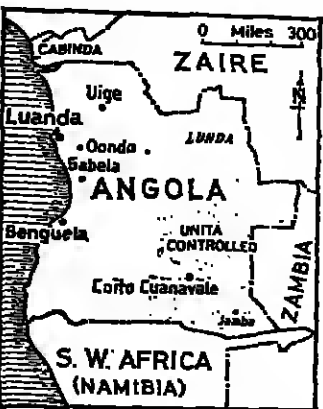
By A. J. McILROY
with Unitá forces in South-East Angola

THE pro-Western Unitá guerrilla movement in Angola is running a country within a country, and claims that the people under its control are happy "living without money."

"The party provides, and people trade to find food and clothing and the necessities to survive," I was told at a meeting of the party leadership in Jamba, Unitá's capital in south-east Angola.

The movement has been fighting the Marxist MPLA Government in Luanda, which it claims is backed by 35,000 Cubans, 3,500 Russians and 2,500 East Germans, since Angola won its independence from Portugal in 1975.

With a small, compact army of 20,000 well-trained and highly-disciplined troops, Dr



Jonas Savimbi, leader of the Union for the Total Liberation of Angola, has secured a third of the country which is now "liberated Angola."

"There is no money"

A further expansive area of this vast African State is subject to widespread guerrilla activity which Unitá says has put it more under Dr Savimbi's control than that of the MPLA.

Moreover, the Unitá special forces are carrying out sabotage operations against military and economic targets, including the blowing-up of bridges, within 30 miles of Luanda, the capital.

When I asked how Unitá functioned as a community and what currency was used by the large percentage of the country's 7.8 million population it effectively ruled, the party spokesman said: "There is no money."

Cracks showing among allies in Angola

By A. J. McILROY
with Unitá forces in South-East Angola

A CAPTURED Angolan army officer has described how relationships are growing strained between Russian and Cuban officers in the face of increasing successes by the pro-Western forces of Dr Jonas Savimbi.

Taken prisoner four months ago near Gabela, about 200 miles south-east of Luanda, the capital, Lt Victor Maouel Muzoyo, 25, said:

"In the 5th Brigade in the northern area of Uige I was working with the Russians."

"They are more cynical than the Cubans and direct contacts with them and the Angolan soldiers of Fapla (the ruling MPLA's military wing) are very limited."

Maniacs for orders

"They deal only with the particular elements they are advising and they are maniacs for giving orders. There is a lot of friction between them and the Cubans."

"The Cuban does not like to take direct orders from the Russian if they have the same rank. There doesn't seem to be any co-ordination. They seem to keep their separate chains of command away from each other."

Lt Muzoyo, speaking at Unitá's National Union for the Total Independence of Angola main base at Jamba, said that as an African officer with one year's training in Cuba he had been ideally placed to see the increasing frustration between Russian and Cuban officers and the soldiers.

"Unitá estimates that 35,000 Cubans with 3,500 Russian and 2,500 East German advisers, are supporting the MPLA Marxist regime in Luanda."

Commands ignored

"The Russians wear the military uniforms of Fapla and sometimes civilian clothes," he said.

"They like to give orders in the Cubans, but if the Cuban officer is of the same rank he takes no notice until he gets the same order from his own immediate superior officer."

"Even lower ranking Cubans will refuse commands from the Russians," he added.

"As well as being in charge of the military police I was in charge of administration for Fapla."

"I was able to see how things gradually started getting worse between the Russians and Cubans—particularly as more and more Cubans were getting killed by ambushes of their convoys and by mines."

Food in warehouse

"It may be that when we are in government in Luanda—as surely we must be one day—and not too long distant—we will be sorry to have to be part of society where money counts so much."

"After all, money isn't a guarantee of happiness," he said.

I travelled extensively in Unitá-held territory for more than two weeks. I saw a happy, spirited hush people.

I visited a logistical centre 120 miles west of Jamba where thatched warehouses are filled with clothes, food, garden implements, salt, and all the basic needs of life.

Much was already stacked for loading on party vehicles for distribution to villages up to 500 miles and more distant. There is a similar resourcefulness over arming Unitá's forces, and more than half of the weapons used are captured.

"When there have been deaths, it is very bad. The Cubans don't get leave for two years and the officers every six months."

"They did not expect this kind of fighting."

"They had been fitted with propaganda at their training, telling them they were coming to Angola to fight the South Africans."

"Instead they see themselves involved in a guerrilla war like this," he said.

Lt Muzoyo, relaxed in white short-sleeved shirt, feared for the safety of his wife and five children in Luanda where he was born.

"But even if I did not give this interview, the situation would be the same," he said.

Cattle killed

"They knew already that I, and others, were unhappy with the way things were turning out under the MPLA in the country, and particularly within the army."

"Cubans have rice and meat in their rations in better quantities than us. When they run out, they are allowed to take two cattle to kill for meat from the nearest agricultural centre."

"Fapla soldiers are told they cannot do this."

"When Cubans ask for supplies, they arrive on time. We have to wait."

"Now, because so many have been ambushed and killed by mines, the Cubans are not going out like they used to do. They send Fapla or wait until it is a big operation, and there have not been so many of those of late."

Stunned in barrage

The Unitá officers present described Lt Muzoyo as a chief of staff in the Fapla armed forces. It turned out he was in charge of an administrative sector.

Perhaps because of this I was impressed by the spontaneous and clearly unlearned way he answered my questions. Certainly he held no brief for the Cubans.

He was captured on June 12 this year in rather ignominious circumstances.

An artillery barrage by Unitá on the morning after their special forces had ambushed and killed five Cubans in a nine-truck convoy, struck an ammunition lorry and left him stunned while others fled.

He surrendered "willingly."

Quebec offer to cool hard line

By Our Toronto
Correspondent

THE separatist Government of Quebec province has dropped its confrontation attitude toward the Canadian Government since the election of the Conservative Prime Minister, Mr Brian Mulroney.

Mr René Lévesque, Quebec's separatist Premier, whose basic goal is independence, said his government would "co-operate locally," and was "completely disposed to maintain harmonious relations" with Mr Mulroney's Government.

Mr Lévesque also said he was ready to re-open negotiations on Quebec's signing the Canadian constitution, adopted in 1982. Quebec, with 6.5 million of Canada's 25 million residents, refused to accept the constitution because the largely French-speaking province felt it lost the power to shape its language and culture.

The separatists repeatedly had acrimonious confrontations with the former Liberal Prime Minister Mr Pierre Trudeau. Mr Mulroney, like Mr Trudeau a Quebecer and confirmed federalist, went out of his way in the Sept. 4 election not to attack the separatists.

Mr Lévesque is viewed as having adopted his conciliatory tone, largely in the hope of obtaining help from Mr Mulroney in reviving Quebec's economy, which has deep problems. Unemployment is more than 13 per cent, compared with 11 per cent. for Canada as a whole.



Mr Richard Hatfield, 53, Conservative Premier of New Brunswick, facing reporters in the city of Moncton when he denied all knowledge of marijuana found in his suitcase as it was being loaded on to a plane which was carrying the Queen during her recent tour of Canada.

MENTAL PROBLEM IN U.S.

By IAN BALL
In New York

ALMOST one adult American in five has some form of mental disorder, according to the most comprehensive survey of the country's psychiatric problems.

The National Institute of Mental Health studied 10,000 typical Americans. A major surprise was the discovery that the incidence of mental disorders is roughly equal for men and women.

Dr Darrel Regier, the director of the study, said it had been widely believed that women were more prone than men to mental problems, probably because previous studies gave disproportionate emphasis to anxieties, depression, phobias

The nationwide projection of the data indicated that about 18.7 per cent. of the adult population suffers from at least one mental disorder. Problems grouped under "anxiety disorders" were found most common followed by alcohol and drug-related problems.

Strict guidelines were drawn up for interviewers. To qualify as having a crowd phobia, a person had to have more than a simple antipathy to crowds; the interviewer had to be satisfied that the person's way of life had been seriously constrained.

The study has cost about \$15 million to date; a figure that will probably rise to \$20 million when another 10,000 people are included in the next several years.

Line-up for slices of £21 billion Star Wars pie

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

AMERICA'S space engineering and communications contractors are lining up for a slice of the biggest defence pie in history.

It is \$26 billion (£21.5

billion) worth of research

for President Reagan's so-

called "Star Wars" anti-

missile system.

Hundreds of companies

will send their top officials

to a conference in Washing-

ton next month that has been

called to discuss what its

sponsor, the American

Society of Mechanical Engi-

neers, describes as a defence

"cornucopia."

Each of the company officials

will have to pay the society

\$245 (£203) to attend the con-

ference but the invitations note

that the sum may be deducted

from income taxes as an

"educational expense."

The conference will be address-

ed by Lt-Gen James Abraham-

son, director of the Strategic

Defence Agency, the Pentagon's

"super-agency" that has over-

all charge of Star Wars.

According to the society,

"this conference will help both

companies and engineering pro-

fessionals learn how to get in

on the ground floor."

It adds that the agency

intends to award hundreds of

initial-technology study con-

tracts "in all phases of battle

management command and

control narrowing down to

specific hardware, software

system concepts."

But judging from disputes

within the Pentagon over the

whole Star Wars project, it

appears that the contractors

will have to wait for some time

before firm research agreements

are set out.

Unable to agree

For it is emerging that the

various Pentagon departments

involved are so divided that

they may have to turn to private

corporations to define the

strategy, technology and actual

systems.

"We'll have to research the

research," said one defence expert.

Only after that will companies

be told what specific

systems to pursue.

Officials are said to be

divided, too, over whether a

Star Wars defence shield would

be extended to cover Washing-

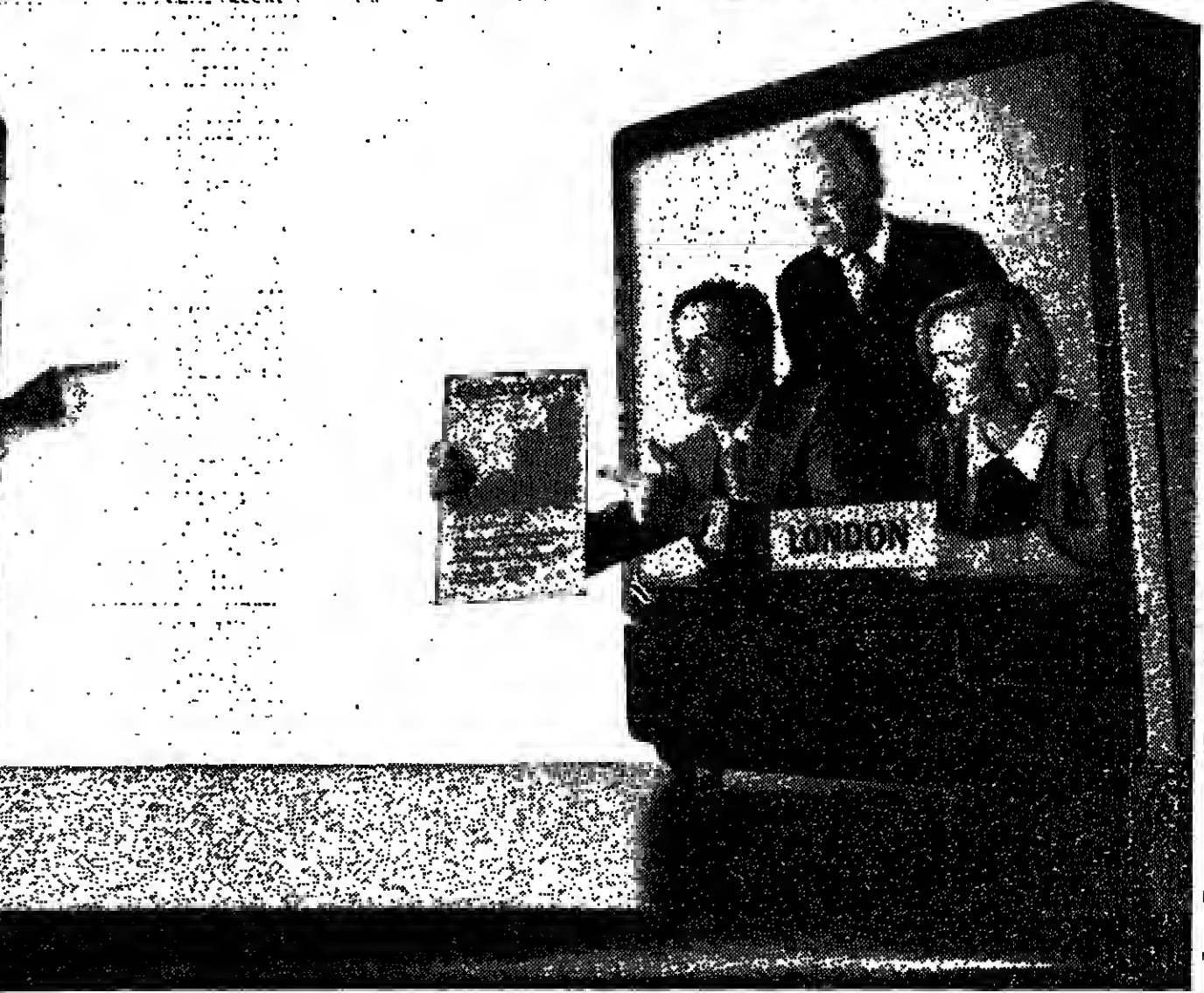
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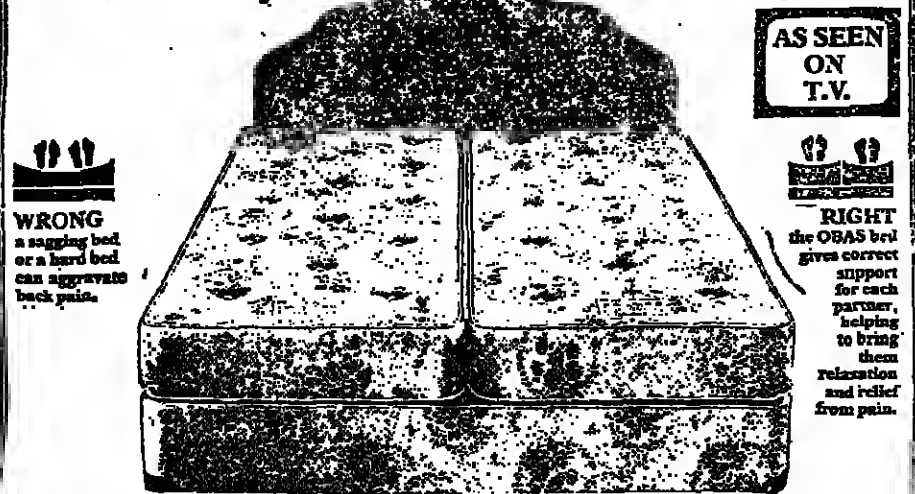
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RAIL DRIVERS SEEK 'SHOCK' MONEY OVER SUICIDES

FOUR train drivers involved in collisions with suicides and other rail trespassers yesterday asked the High Court for a test case ruling that they are entitled to criminal injury compensation for nervous shock.

The four, British Rail and London Underground staff, claimed that trespass on railway property amounted to a "crime of violence" against themselves because of the shock and, in one case, actual physical injury they suffered.

Backed by the drivers' union, Aslef, they asked Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Nolan to overturn a decision of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board last September refusing them compensation.

The board's tribunal, chaired by Mr Michael Owen, Q.C., held that the Criminal Injuries Compensation scheme had not been intended to cover incidents involving trespassers on the railway.

Yesterday Mr Leslie Joseph, Q.C., for the drivers, argued that trespass, under Section 34 of the Offences Against the Person Act, 1861, was a crime of violence for the purposes of the scheme. Section 34 makes it an offence to endanger the safety of persons on a railway by unlawful acts.

Mr Joseph said: "One of the hazards of being an engine driver is that one may unfortunately be involved in the death of trespassers on the railway."

In 1980, he said, 359 trespassers were killed, of which 216 were suicides. In 1981, the number rose to 343, of which more than two-thirds were suicides.

One of the four drivers, Mr Sidney Warner, of Edenfield Gardens, Worcester Park, Surrey, had been involved in three incidents.

Almost cut in half

In one of them, in January, 1981, a woman psychiatric patient who had escaped from hospital threw herself under his Underground train at Fulham Broadway. Her body was almost cut in half and Mr Warner, then 49, suffered shock.

In the case of BR driver Mr Cyril Wynn, of Poplar Drive, Alsager, Stoke on Trent, a man jumped in front of his train in July, 1979.

"It was the third fatal accident in which he had the misfortune to be involved," said Mr Joseph.

Mr Joseph said many drivers were so conscientious and sensitive that they became the victims of irrational guilt. Many developed phobias about passing the places where deaths had occurred and suffered conflicts about whether to continue driving.

There were about 100 similar cases in the pipeline awaiting the outcome of the present proceedings. The hearing was adjourned until today.

Woman 'sang' to her child during rape

WHILE an intruder raped her, a young mother cradled her five-year-old daughter and sang nursery rhymes to distract her, Mr Warwick McKinnon, prosecuting, said at the Old Bailey yesterday.

The 23-year-old unemployed man, who denies rape and one charge of aggravated burglary, twice forced the 32-year-old divorcee to submit to sexual intercourse, said Mr McKinnon.

After the incident in March, the woman had the wit to contacted to see him again.

She arranged to see him at a local hamburger restaurant and police swooped when he arrived, said Mr McKinnon.

Curtains were open

He said the man decided to burgle the woman's home in Kilburn when he saw the curtains were partly opened.

He cut the phone wires, opened the window latch with a knife and masked himself with a pair of nightgown before waking the woman, who had her young daughter in bed with her.

He pressed the knife against the woman's throat and raped her as she tried to soothe her crying child and cover her eyes, he added.

The man claims that the woman consented to sex which only occurred once.

The trial was adjourned until today.

BR HERITAGE TRUST

British Rail announced yesterday it is to provide £1 million to establish a Railway Heritage Trust with the aim of preserving railway buildings and property of historic interest.

Sinking feeling in harbour over 'manorial rights'

By JAMES ALLAN

BOATYARD owners in the village of Bosham in Chichester Harbour are complaining that a company is using ancient rights granted in the 12th Century to drive them out of business.

Burhill Investments, of Woking, Surrey, which owns the manorial rights of the Hundred and Manor of Bosham, denies acting as a feudal landlord.

At the centre of the row are moorings on the black mud of Bosham which are much sought after by sailing enthusiasts.

Burhill Investments owns the mudbanks on which there are 710 moorings. Most are managed by agreement by Chichester Harbour Conservancy, but about 150 are managed by private boatyards.

In the last few years the company has decided to regain control of the moorings and to use the income to pay for the upkeep of Bosham Quay which it also owns.

15 moorings a year It has arranged with the harbour conservancy to recover up to 15 moorings a year, but without the income from the moorings the boatyard owners say they will go out of business.

The yards affected are Mariners, Barnes and Combes, who all rely heavily on the income from letting moorings. Moorings also bring in revenue from customers for car parking, access, service, repairs and storage of boats as well as the sale of supplies and boats.

The transition from timber boats to those with glass-fibre hulls made in factories has deprived small boatyards of a traditional source of income.

Mr Brian Fitzpatrick, proprietor of Mariners Boatyard, said yesterday: "If they continue recovering these moorings under their ancient rights we will be put out of business in a very short space of time."

No connections "We are local companies who have been here for well over 100 years yet this company has no local connections except that it owns the Manor of Bosham. They are merely exploiting the pressure on what you might call parking space in the harbour."

"We have been in touch with the company but all we get are brusque replies saying there is nothing to be discussed. They will not even tell us how many moorings they plan to take over."

The Manor at Bosham, from which King Harold set out for the Battle of Hastings, was bought by the Guinness family in 1928 for £100 in the 1920s and acquired a few years ago by Burhill Investments, a member of the Guinness family, is a director.

Access to quay Her son, Viscount Boyd, is company chairman. He recently met officials of Chichester Harbour Conservancy who expressed their concern that they were excluded from Bosham Quay, also owned by the Manor and therefore Burhill.

Viscount Boyd is understood to have promised to give the conservancy greater access to the quay but he was unable to give any details about the number of moorings his company contemplated taking from the boatyard owners.

Allegations by boatyard owners of "autocratic feudalism" by Burhill Investments were strenuously rejected yesterday by Mr Donald Howard, Steward of the Manor, who said the income from the moorings was needed to maintain the upkeep of the quay and the services it provided.

There had been no abuse of the manor's rights. The company was merely acting in a commercial way to protect its investment.

Most of the 15 moorings taken over this year had resulted in lower rents for boat owners.

Tax anomaly deprives students of grants By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

THOUSANDS of students from broken homes are losing out on their grants as a result of a tax anomaly and poor planning by their parents, it has been disclosed.

Advice given by accountants and tax experts when parents with young children divorce or separate no longer hold good when the children grow up and enter higher education.

Mr Alan Golding, a leading London chartered accountant, explained the anomaly to me: "Any good accountant will advise parents who have split up that maintenance should be paid, not to the spouse in whose care the child remains but directly to the child."

In that way, tax is saved. Since each child is entitled to receive a tax-free income of £2,005 a year (currently) any maintenance payments up to that amount will be tax-free."

If the spouse, usually the husband, pays over the maintenance to the mother and, assuming that she has a job, she would probably be taxed at 30 per cent.

'Disastrous effect' Mr Golding said: "But once the child enters higher education for a course attracting a mandatory grant, the effects of a maintenance payment from the father can have disastrous consequences."

The local authority would, in the case of a similar £2,000 maintenance, disregard the first £400.

The balance of £1,600 would then be deducted from the total maximum grant (£1,775 in the case of students studying outside London and living away from home).

"All the local authority will end up paying to the student is the minimum grant of £305 a year."

The student, in other words, would lose a total of £1,570 in hard cash - the difference between the maximum grant of £1,775 and the minimum grant of £205 which he will receive.

But if the father switched his previous payments by Court Order from the child to the mother, the position could become quite different.

A £2,000 maintenance paid to the mother would become part and parcel of the means test to calculate the child's grant.

If the mother earned, say £5,000 a year, the addition of the £2,000 would still bring her well below the residual income exempting her from any parental contribution towards the grant and the child would be entitled to the full grant of £1,775.

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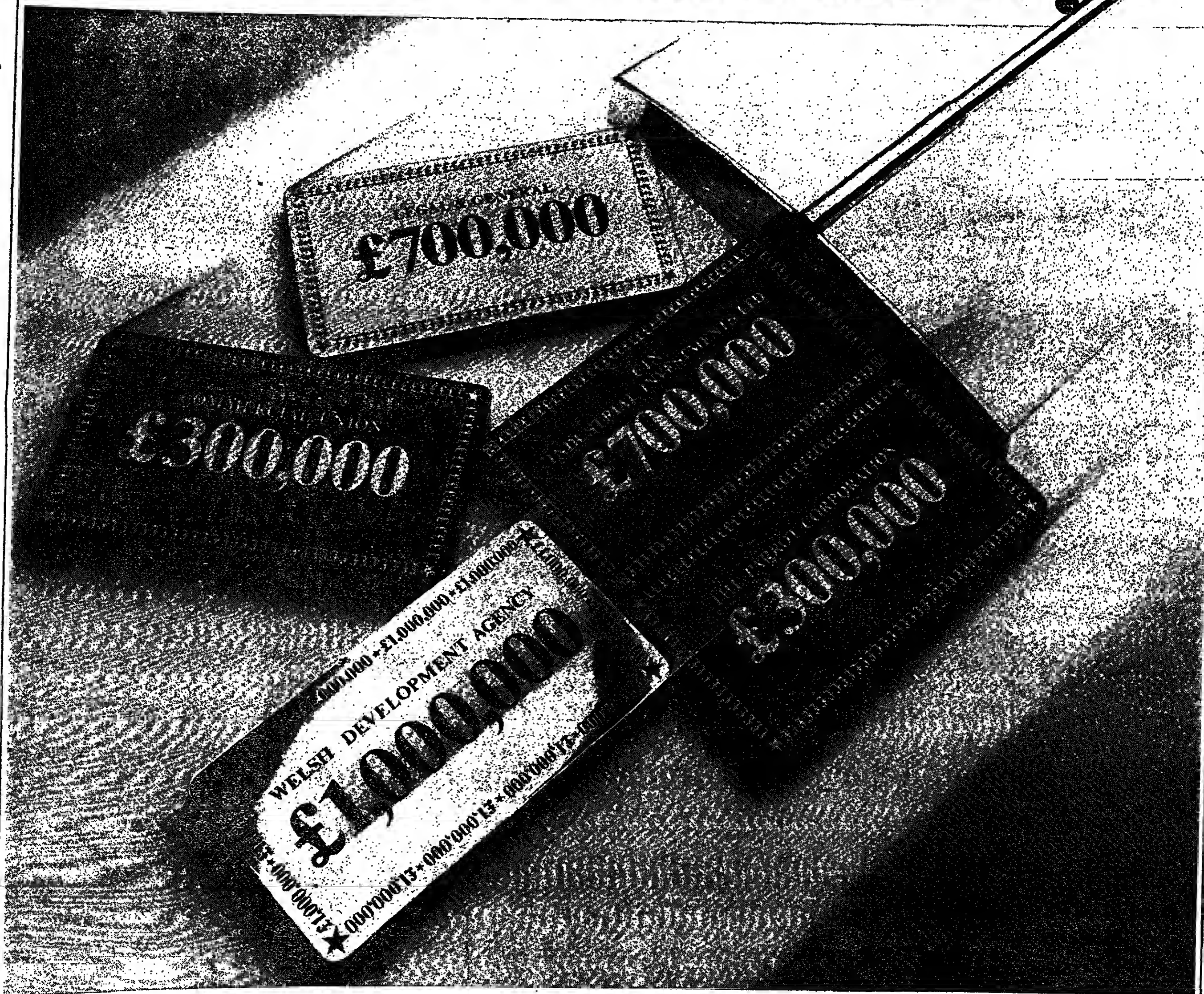
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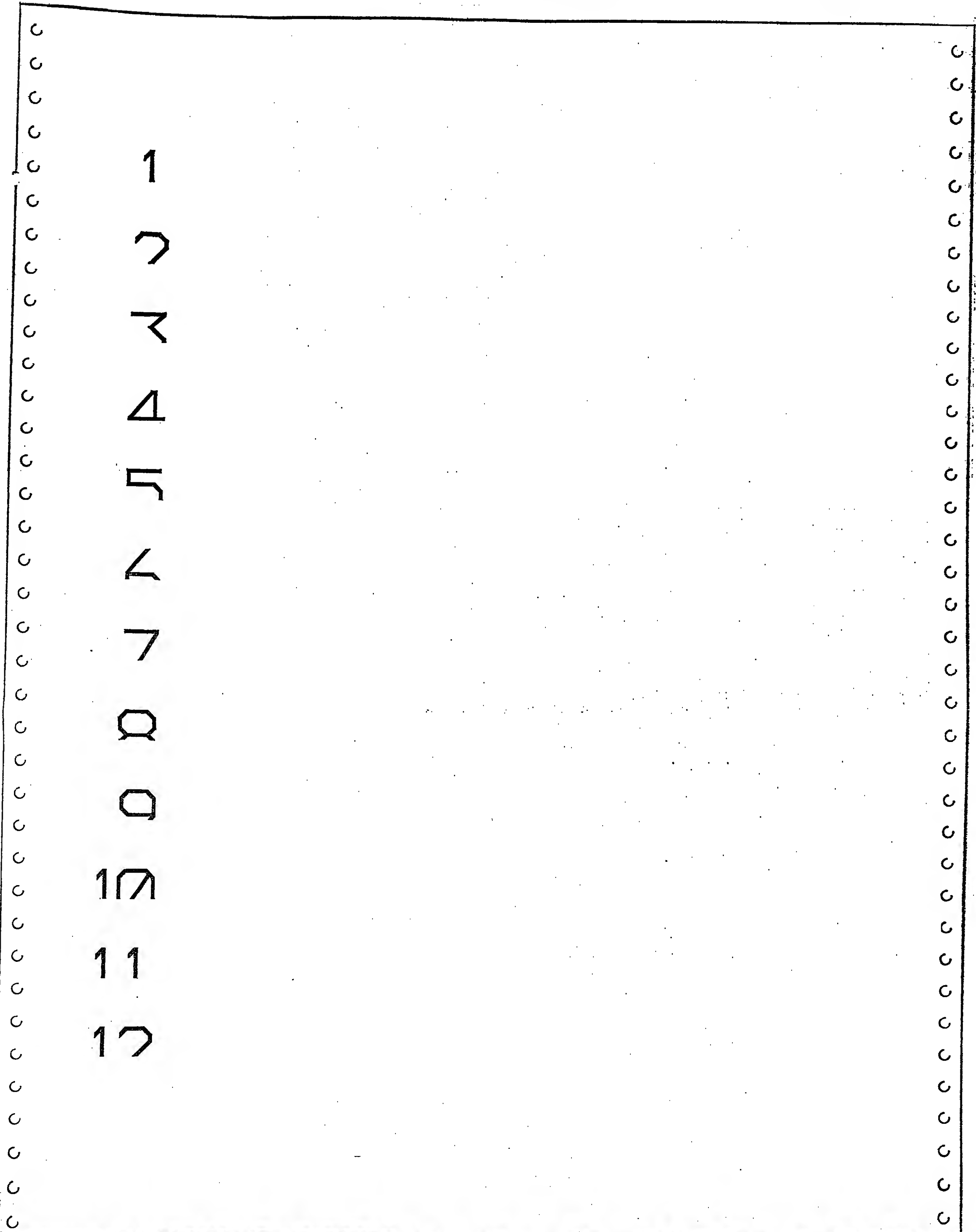
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FATTY FOOD 'IS HEART KILLER'

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

THE evidence that heart attacks are associated with the consumption of fatty food is now "overwhelming," Sir Ricard Dell, the doctor who first linked cigarette smoking as the cause of lung cancer, said yesterday.

Addressing a conference called by the Office of Health Economics in London, he said England had been slow to recognise the association between heart attacks and a diet high in fats, particularly saturated fats.

EAR IMPLANT BOY FLIES BACK TO U.S.

By Our Health Services Correspondent

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD deaf boy is flying from his home in Barrow in Furness, Lancashire, to Los Angeles next month for the final stage of an operation to restore his hearing which his parents were told could not be done in Britain.

They are hoping that their son, Timothy Kernohan, who has been completely deaf since an attack of meningitis two years ago, will be able to hear again and attend normal schools.

Mr and Mrs Trevor Kernohan took Timothy, their only child, to America for a pioneering ear implant operation after being told that it was not available for children in this country.

The operation, to implant an electrode in his inner ear, was carried out by an American surgeon Mr William House, last month. They are to return in a fortnight for the final stage to be completed, when Timothy should be able to hear again.

'Amazed at results' Mr Kernohan said: "I get very angry with the National Deaf Children's Society when it says that the operation should not be carried out on children."

More than 200 patients have been treated by Mr House before deciding on it for Timothy. I talked to about 15 American children and their parents who have already had the operation. The parents were all amazed at the results."

He added: "Timothy lost the ability to speak within three weeks of going deaf. He can say little that is recognisable as speech now and the outlook for him, and others in the same position, seemed pretty grim until we heard of this operation."

He said he had discussed the operation with the two British surgeons who have so far carried it out on adults and both told him that far more money was needed for research before the operation could be extended to children.

FIREMEN'S £38,000

London firefighters have raised £38,000 for charity. The Children's Heart Unit at Guy's Hospital, Southwark, and the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund will each receive £18,000 and £2,000 will go to the Grand Order of Water Rats.

HELP FOR SMOKERS

'Give it up' kits Smokers are to be given a special "prescription" to help them kick the habit. Every G.P. in England, Wales and Ulster—about 50,000 doctors—will be sent a kit with advice for both them and their patients.

Prescriptions with the advice "Give up smoking" are on the front of information leaflets for smokers, and doctors will be asked to fill them out with the patient's name and address just as they would when prescribing medicine.

The £100,000 campaign by the Health Education Council and the anti-smoking pressure group ASH was launched in London yesterday. A study of 2,000 smokers in Oxford showed half managed to give up with help from their doctors and the kits.

Conditions in MORE IN prisons criticised JAIL FEAR

PRISON conditions were still falling short of the standards expected in the 1980s, Sir James Hennessy, Chief Inspector of Prisons, said yesterday.

He criticised overcrowding, lack of staff and poor sanitary conditions in many jails in England and Wales.

His annual report pointed out that more than half the prison population still has to perform the "daily ritual" of sleeping out.

Prisoners use chamber pots in conditions which were neither conducive to good hygiene nor the preservation of human dignity, said Sir James. And in at least one prison doctors consider their use a possible health risk.

Sir James pointed out that at Leicester 40 men had to share a single lavatory.

Activities cancelled Many prison regimes remained impoverished because of lack of resources and many activities have to be cancelled because of the lack of prison staff, says the report.

Escorting prisoners to court, in particular, was putting great demands on the prison service, and after overcrowding was the biggest single problem affecting the quality of life in local prisons.

Sir James called for the system to be looked at urgently and said the cost of providing escorts should be accounted for separately.

Categories to be reviewed

By Our Crime Correspondent

CHANGES in the security categorisation of prisoners will be automatically considered during their sentences following a review of procedures by the Chief Inspector of Prisons.

In a report Sir James Hennessy recommended greater use of open prisons and a down grading in security ratings for prisoners nearing the end of their sentence. No change is recommended in the current four categories for prisoners, A, B, C and D.

Welcoming the review of the scheme, Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, said every prisoner would be considered for re-categorisation at regular intervals. As a minimum this would start at the first parole review or after 12 months had been served, whichever was earlier.

Mr Brittan said he was taking urgent steps "to tackle deficiencies in procedures and had directed that simplified and clearer instructions be issued as soon as possible."

GIFT TO NURSES

IN PEER'S WILL

By Our Estates Correspondent The care and devotion given by the nursing staff of the London Clinic to Lord Geoffrey Lloyd as he fought cancer in the last years of his life, was acknowledged in his will published this week.

Lord Geoffrey Lloyd, Minister in charge of the secret Petroleum Warfare Department during the war, left £1,835,119 net (£1,937,040 gross). Before he died in September this year, aged 82, he added an official to his will leaving £1,000 each to "Sister Brenda Davis, Sister Ong, Nurse Lee and Nurse Philippa Boylan," all of the London Clinic.

OUTLINE Government

proposals for day and weekend imprisonment could result in more rather than fewer people in jail, claims the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders.

It says the risk of the new penalty being used as an alternative to non-custodial measures is "too great to justify its introduction."

The association was replying to Government proposals published in a Green Paper in June.

It is highly sceptical of claims that intermittent custody would be used on a full-time prison sentence in cases where the courts wanted to avoid disruption to the offender's family life or employment.

Establishment of new measures as alternative to custody do not necessarily lead to their use in the way intended, says the association.

Upward trend

In Britain there are more non-custodial penalties available to the courts than in most other Western European countries. Yet there are more people in jail than in almost any other European country and there is an upward trend in the proportion of use of custody by the courts, it says.

On the available evidence, the most likely use of a sanction of intermittent custody would largely be to replace the community service order and the heavier fine for the unemployed.

The result would be a 10 per cent increase in the prison population.

£8m provision

The Green Paper suggested it would cost £8 million to provide places for 2,000 offenders to be jailed in day prisons and 1,000 in weekend prisons.

Before substantial additional resources were devoted to increasing the availability of custody, even on a time basis, it was worth considering whether such spending could be justified in terms of deterrence, effectiveness and value for money, says the association.

If these substantial resources were to be made available, there was a strong case for discussing the non-custodial methods of dealing with offenders.

NGA MEN FACE EXPULSION OVER FINES

By Our Industrial Staff

Three print workers have lost appeals against fines of £500 each imposed by the National Graphical Association for crossing picket lines, in a dispute between the union and Dimbleby Newspapers in Surrey. They are adamant they will not pay, and face expulsion from the union.

The three are the sole employees of Puritan Litho, working in the same building as Dimbleby Newspapers, but an offshoot which has nothing to do with papers. Puritan Litho has said it will try to continue to employ the three even if they lose their union cards. The dispute at Dimbleby Newspapers erupted in 1983 when 24 NGA members who printed the weekly papers were dismissed, and printing transferred to TBF (Printers), a firm in Nottingham, in the same group as T. Bailey Foreman, which does not recognise an NGA closed shop.

ACCIDENT-ROW TEACHER QUILTS

A teacher who caused controversy by saying a 10-year-old road victim "got her just reward" has quit the road safety committee at Sandwell, West Midlands, where she made her remark. Mrs Jennifer Noakes resigned because of the publicity she caused.

The committee had been told about the death in June of Milva Marucci, of Smethwick, who stepped from behind a parked car and was hit by another vehicle. Mrs Noakes, who had been on the voluntary committee for 10 years, was quoted as saying: "She got her just reward. I don't feel sorry for her."

'Hoodwinking' denied by atom train firm

Daily Telegraph Reporter

CONSULTING engineers charged by Greenpeace, the conservation group, with helping the Central Electricity Generating Board to "hoodwink" the public over transport of nuclear fuel say the allegations are "distressing, nonsensical and totally untrue."

Ove Arup and Partners, Britain's largest firm of independent professional consulting engineers, has just won the Queen's award for export achievement.

It was paid by the Generating Board to establish the most damaging test it could devise for a Magnox spent fuel flask. It experimented with a crash into a tunnel of gride about.

Mr Michael Shears, 44, director, said last night: "The outcome of that work was that

there was so little damage we could inflict upon the flask in that type of accident that it was pointless pursuing it."

'Better test'

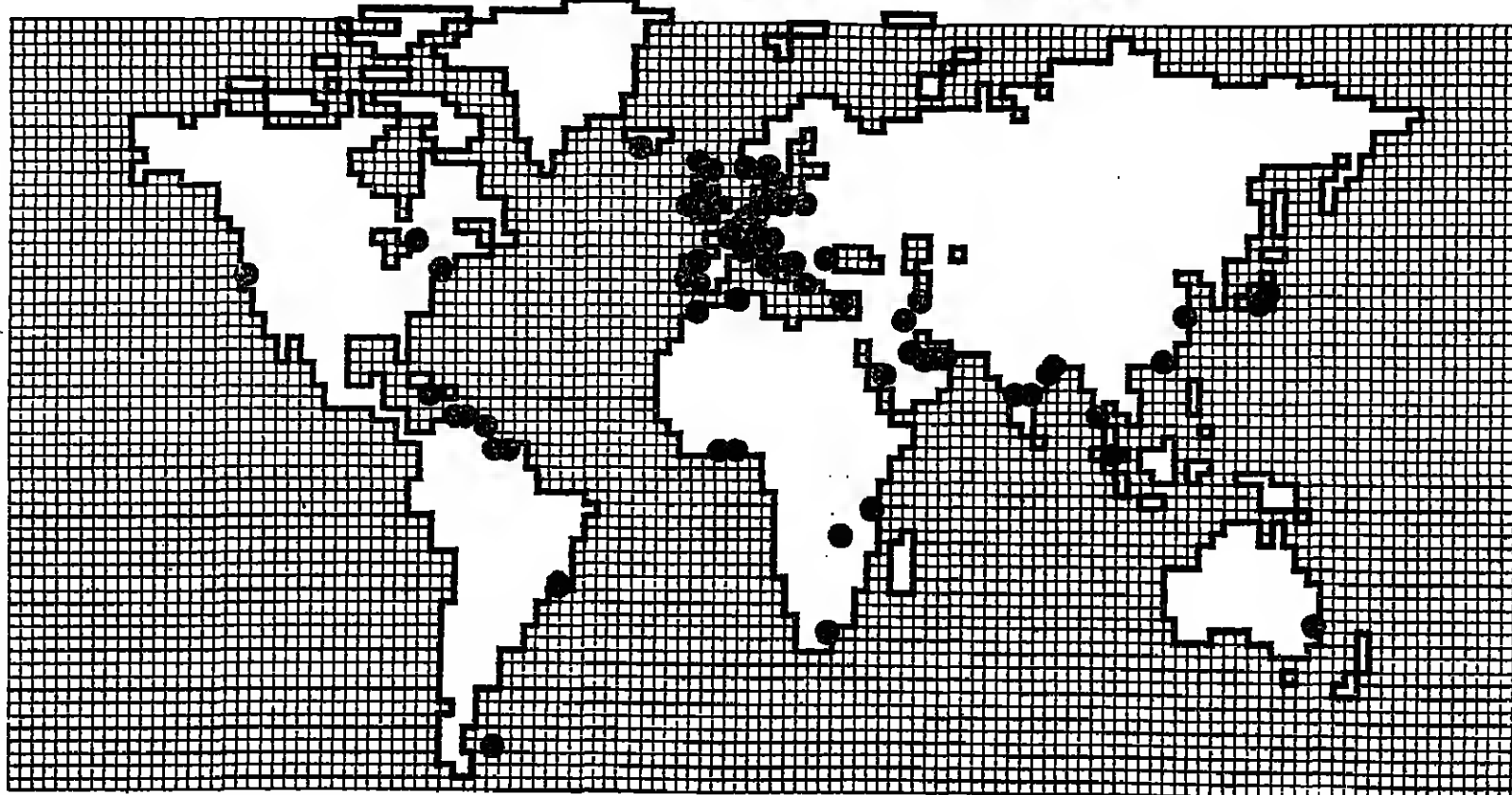
So the firm recommended crashing a type 41 locomotive into a flask astride a railway track at 100 mph, "which was in our opinion a better test," said Mr Shears.

"It is not reasonable for people like Greenpeace to come along and say the because the flask survived the rail crash test, it was a put-up job."

"It was not. It was a real test and there is no way that we would risk our professional reputation by conniving in an allegedly deceitful act."

Greenpeace alleged on Monday that a report "leaked" from within the Generating Board showed the simulated rail crash was stage managed to prove the board's case that transport of spent nuclear fuel up and down Britain is safe.

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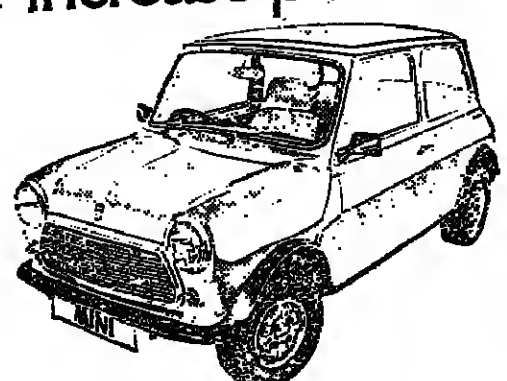
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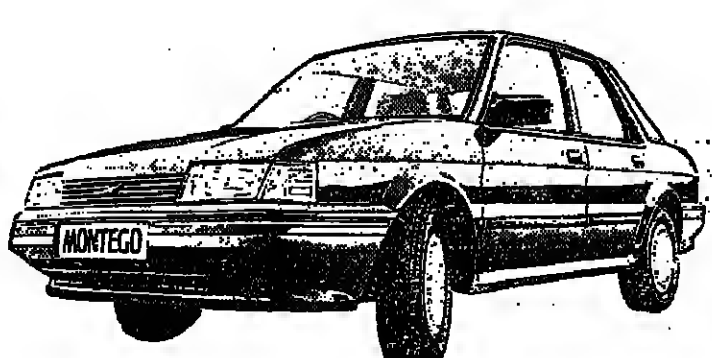
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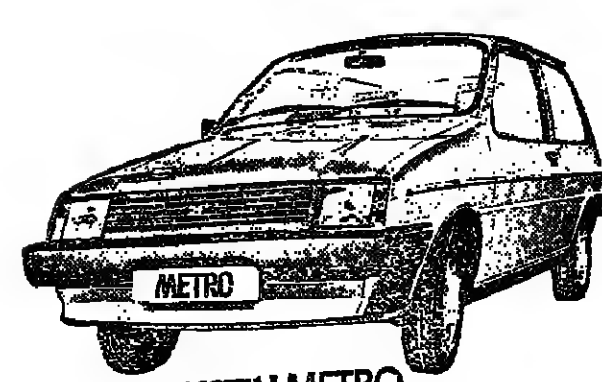
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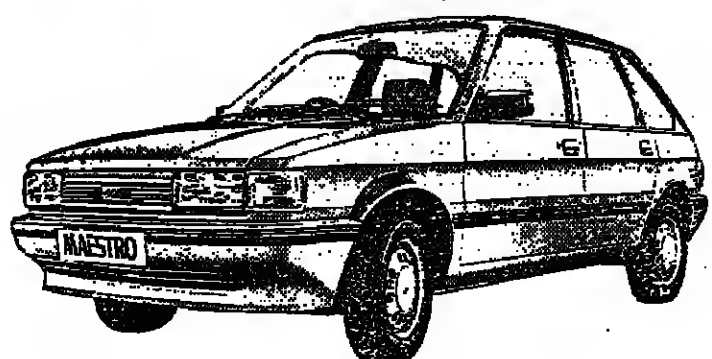
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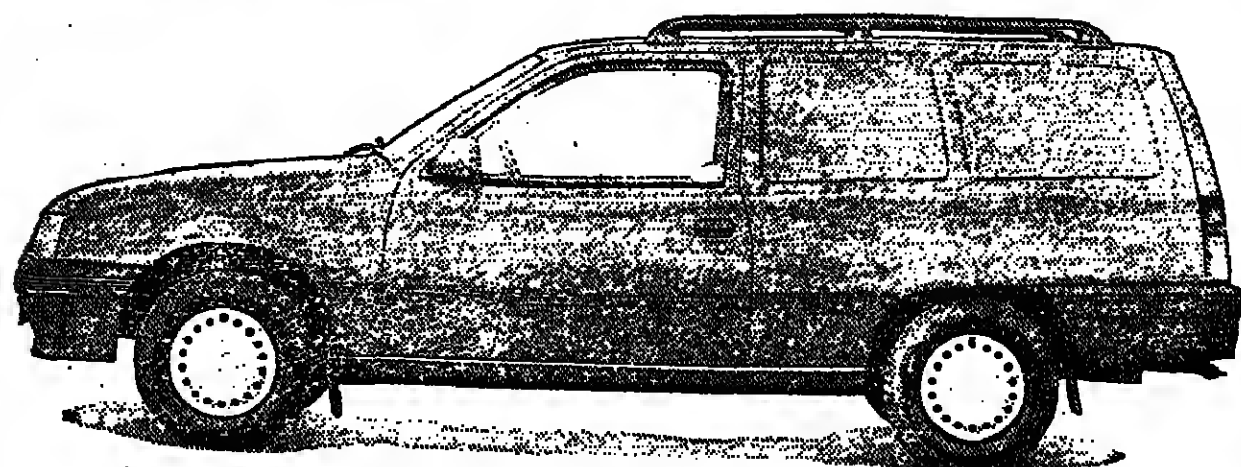
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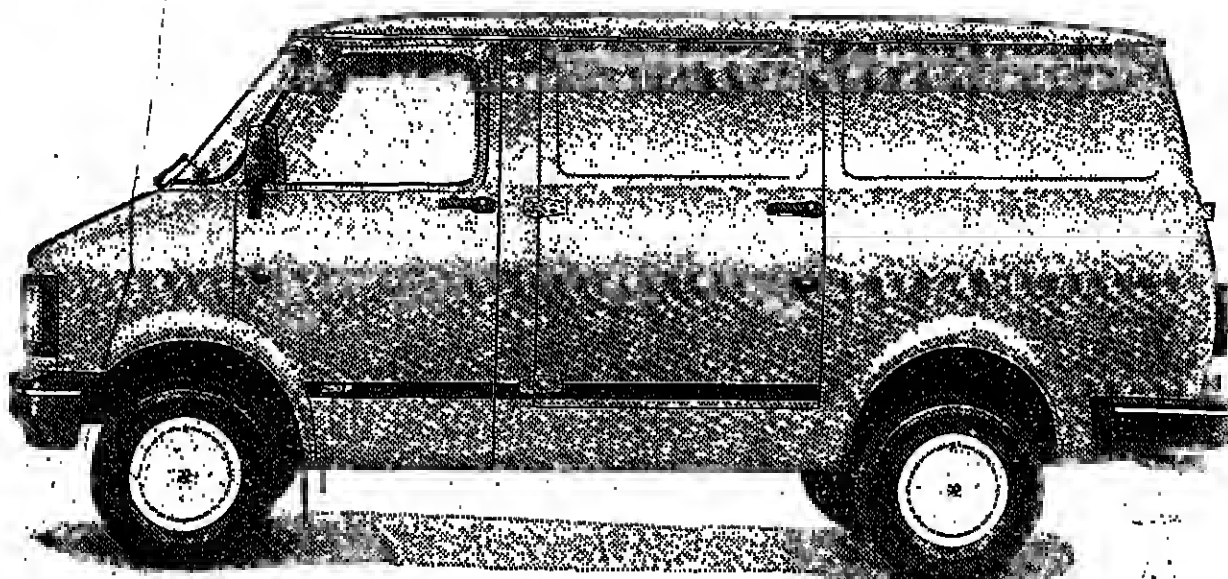
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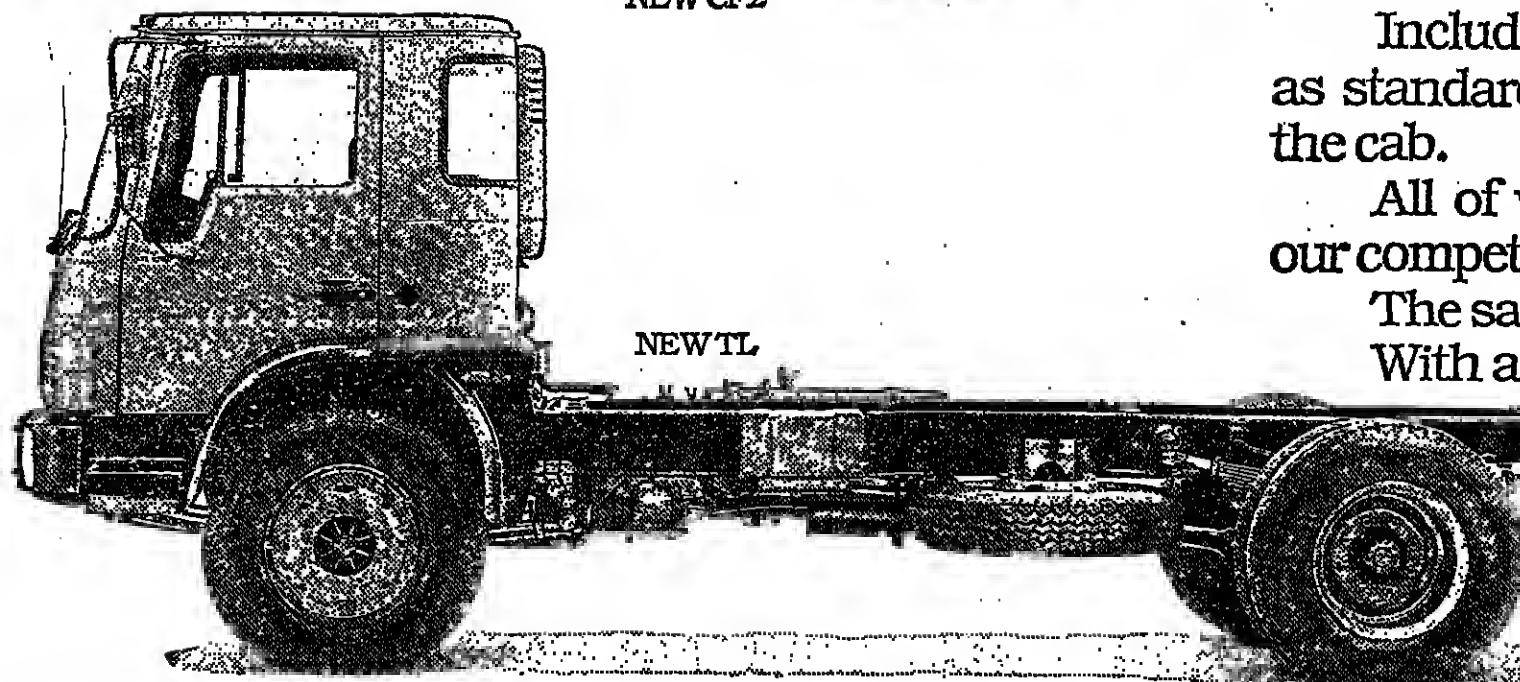
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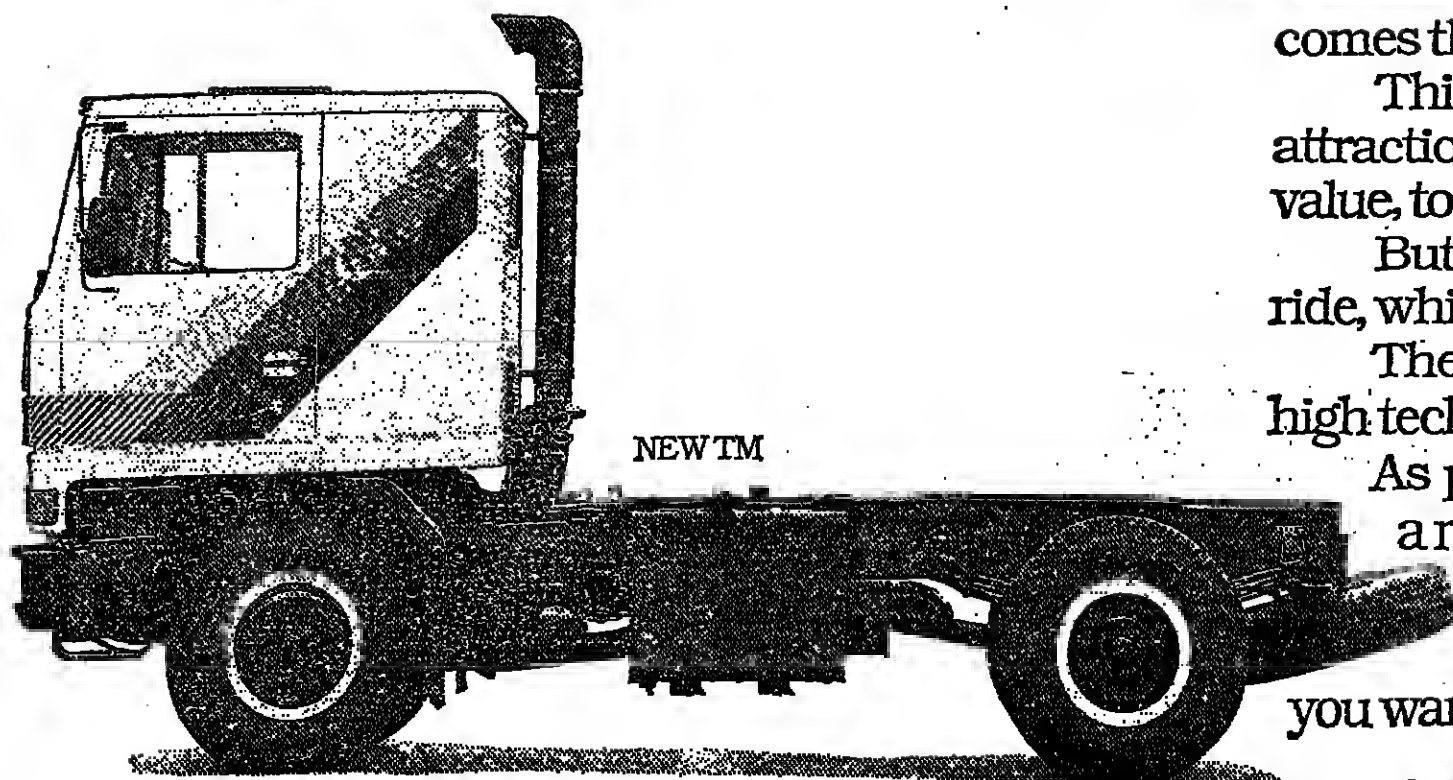
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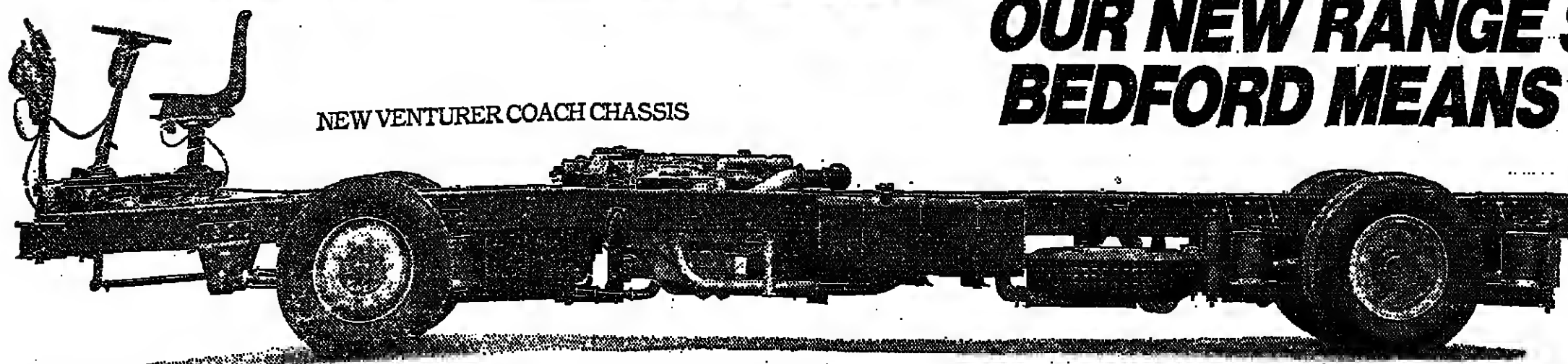
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OUR NEW RANGE SHOWS BEDFORD MEANS BUSINESS.

The woman behind the outspoken Bishop

WHATEVER misgivings and divisions of opinion the Rt. Rev. David Jenkins has caused since his translation this summer from Professor of Theology at Leeds to Bishop of Durham, there is no dissent between him and his wife.

Mollie Jenkins, daughter of a journalist, granddaughter of a clergyman, "born and bred" in Doncaster and with all the traditional forthrightness of a Yorkshire woman, does not meekly reflect her husband's views. They are equally her own.

Nor is it just because of loyalty and being happily married to him for 35 years that she springs to her husband's defence against what she feels is misrepresentation of what he has said and what he is trying to do.

"We have always worked together," she says. "We get our strength from one another."

Her answer to those who accuse her husband of putting cats among ecclesiastical and political pigeons is terse. "He is very bad at dissembling. He is an extremely truthful person."

What the then Bishop-elect had to say on television about his doubts on the historical truth of the Virgin Birth and the Resurrection was not new, Mollie Jenkins points out. It had just reached a wider audience.

"He only said what he has been saying for 30 years and nobody before has questioned it. What really worries me are the people who think they have the answers when we can only keep on looking for facets of the truth."

Reverberations from the Bishop's comments on the coal strike, made during his eponymous sermon at Durham last month, rumble on. "Some of the reports, and particularly the headlines I read afterwards, appeared quite different from what he said. He was talking about reconciliation, not only about MacGregor and Scargill."

Not surprisingly, the out-



the kitchen, just talking, talking.

"Eventually the house was turned into a small co-operative, with the aid of the Race Relations Board, for young Asians who were helped to develop job skills: joinery like building, pointing brickwork, hitting kitchen units, decorating, for the boys, and knitting, sewing and making small pieces of jewellery, for the girls."

"One woman set up a little business making and selling ghee to her neighbours. It all helped to create jobs. We had four staff and I was director and usually fund-raiser."

Mollie Jenkins believes much of the initiative for such small co-operatives must be self-help. "I think the unions and the Government between them are great stoppers of development."

Now she is transferring her Caravan Trust to Bishop Auckland and planning to set up workshops for the young unemployed. She has already recruited

spoken Bishop has had to get extra help to deal with all the letters he has been receiving. "Most of them have been with the Bishop, but many have been hurtful," says his wife.

She is still unpacking after their move in August in the Bishop of Durham's imposing but far from cosy official residence, Auckland Castle, in the small Durham town of Bishop Auckland.

The castle, which looks more like a medieval fortress than a bishop's palace, dates from the 13th century and the days of a marauding Scots. In fact, the Scottish Wloog has dungeons which were used to hold Scottish prisoners.

"I'm told it has about 75 rooms and that it used to be the Bishop's summer residence," Mollie Jenkins says.

It now houses church offices as well as the state reception rooms, a guest wing for official visitors and the Bishop's own family apartment.

"It's not grand, not

particularly comfortable, and hard work to keep clean, but we love it." Mrs Jenkins was not complaining. She thrives on being busy, being even a workaholic. "Which I suppose is what both of us are."

Working together, drawing on each other's strength, has been David and Mollie Jenkins's way since they met at Oxford. "The first I heard of David was through my brother, who was then reading theology."

"They had been together in the Army in

The eldest Jenkins son, Christopher, is 35 and a computer consultant. He lives in London with his wife and children: "two little girls and one on the way."

Timothy, their second son, who is a year younger, "two little boys and also one on the way," is an anthropologist who has decided to follow his father into the Church. He is at Ridley Hall, Cambridge, preparing for his ordination.

Unlike their mother, the two Jenkins girls, 25-year-old Deborah, and

to start again from academic scratch and read medicine with an emphasis on public health. "America seems the only place where she could do this, but at £20,000 a year, it just isn't possible," says her mother.

Rebecca, just down from Oxford with a history degree, is "fascinated by the film and TV industry." At university she was a founder member of the Oxford Film Foundation and helped to produce documentaries, including one on women in Oxford. She is hoping for a job in film-making.

The family lived in Geneva for four years from 1969, when David Jenkins was Director of Humanism Studies at the World Council of Churches.

"The years in Geneva were lovely, but since our daughters were educated in French during that time, they had school re-entry problems when we came back to England."

Realising that without help her daughters would not be Oxbridge candidates, Mollie Jenkins turned a back bedroom into a schoolroom and took the

girls through their A-levels at home. "Without being smug about it, I was pleased that they caught up in record time. We enjoyed it and I discovered that children can learn fast if what they are being taught is interesting."

This led her on to working with other children, "the ones on the run from school and the social services, the real school phobics who can't stand the tough conditions in the comprehensives or the institutions to which they get sent for being truant."

"These are the children who will try to commit suicide to their misery, who will run away and hide from family and authority for years. You can imagine the dreadful lives they have. One girl I know was 15 when she was 13 to 18, by which time she knew there was no way the authorities could then get hold of her."

"As mothers of illegitimate babies were once locked up because they were said to be at moral risk, so these desperate children who genuinely cannot face compulsory schooling, can be taken into custodial care today. It's nobody's fault. It's just the system."

But Mollie Jenkins feels they need a different kind of help and caring. In 1979, in Leeds, she launched a charity called Caravan, which bought a house and turned it into a day centre, a refuge for the runaways.

"The children" were brought to us by welfare officers, the police, psychiatric workers, and some just came on their own. My main job was to go round with the begging bowl."

"We taught social skills; tried to help them lose their aggressiveness. Most of our time was spent round a large teapot in

the motto of the co-ed grammar school in South Yorkshire where Mollie Peet and I were pupils. She remembers mostly the bullying there, where at that time the girls were greatly outnumbered."

She recalls particularly being pushed into the snow on dark mornings by the boys and made to miss the bus so that she arrived late for school and was then punished for it.

She remembers the headmaster who would pounce from the shadows and make us decline Latin verbs on the spot. "I hated that school and was transferred at 14 to the Percy Jackson Grammar School at Adwick."

But she is still living up to our old school's motto and now, as wife of a bishop who will go on speaking his mind and stepping out of the Church's cloisters to ruffle feathers, I hope it helps to sustain her courage.

BY WINIFRED CARR

GROUP WITH A GUIDE TO DRINKING

THINK before you drink was the message put across by Joe Ruzek of Drinkwatchers' Study Centre at a symposium at the Priory Hospital, Roehampton.

An interesting point emphasised was that women should drink less than men as alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver develops more quickly in women. It was suggested that while a man may be in trouble if he drinks more than three pints of beer or six glasses of wine or six singles of spirits, the quantities which apply to women are only two-thirds of these amounts.

Of course, safe levels of drinking are extremely variable but the desirable limit may be in the region of only two or three

drinks daily, though ideally, drinking should not be daily. In fact, there should be at least two alcohol-free days a week for there is a greater risk of depreciosis if people drink every day.

Undoubtedly many social drinkers consume away above what Drinkwatchers would consider the desirable limit. Reckoning a half-pint of beer or a glass of wine as one unit, they believe that 20 (30 units for men) is the absolute maximum which could be regarded as safe drinking.

To get these units into perspective, four units approximately represent the legal limit for driving a car. The rate of elimination of alcohol from the body is one unit per hour.

Drinkwatchers is not an organisation for dealing with alcoholics. It is rather

for people whose health, weight control, comfort and effectiveness would benefit from more sensible drinking. It aims to achieve this by using behavioural science methods designed to persuade people to be more conscious of their drinking patterns and getting them to make a graph of their drinking over a period. It wants to teach them how to relax without alcohol; how to say "No"; how to cope with and solve problems without resorting to drink; in weekly meetings lasting about two hours.

It tries to explode the

myths attached to drinking, such as that beer is less harmful than other drinks, that you must be a sensible drinker because you don't drink every day, or because you can hold your drink. It stresses that you should not drink to cope with the pressures of life.

Drinkwatchers teaches people the gentle art of refusal as a social skill, giving them confidence in resisting an over-pressing host.

The National Drinkwatchers Network is based at 200 Seagrave Road, London SW6 1RQ, (tel. 01-381 3157).

By Dr K. C.

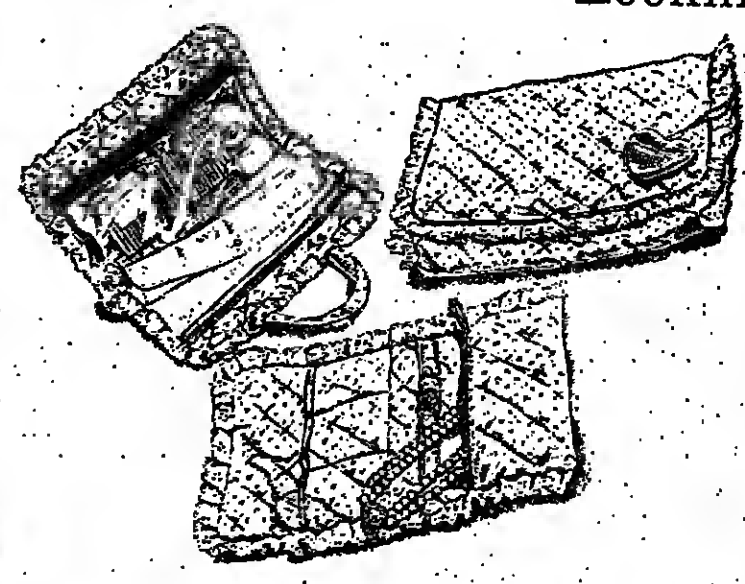
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Ann Chubb

YOU WRITE

THE Male Voice Choir of the Birchpole Singers in Yarpole, Herefordshire, were interested to read your recent article about a woman conductor of a male-voice choir in "Macclesfield." Mrs Moira Lloyd of Luston, near Leominster, wrote to us.

"But the Birchpole Singers believe they are unique in that not only have they also got a lady conductor, but she is black—a native of Kenya—and she expects her first baby in November. They challenge anyone to beat that."

"Mrs Luzili Mulindi King, their conductor, is surprised by all the interest. She claims that the choir is only part of the village way of life, being a natural extension of church and community activities."

"She has been delighted at the case with which she

has been accepted into the area because it is only recently that she has spent her full time in the village, having been away studying for her master's degree in Musicology in Belfast."

"Inquiring further about the Birchpole Singers, we talked to one of them, Ken Sansbury, who sings second tenor."

"We're a small choir—eight of us—and have been going for about three years. Luzili is married to Roger King, who teaches in Hereford, and she has been our conductor for about a year."

"Someone has said of her that she speaks with her hands, and this is true. It is wonderful to stand in front of her and sing."

The choir's next public appearance will be on Saturday in Hereford, when it will take part in an open Eisteddfod being run by the Women's Institute.

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THE EXECUTION BEGINS

THE LABOUR PARTY is engaged in its latest review of those that are to be saved and those that are not to be saved. Reselection, like Christmas, is upon us. When it is through some well regarded names will be pricked for deletion. Mr GERALD KAUFMAN is a likely survivor, but Mr PETER SHORE and Mr MICHAEL COCKS, the newly re-chosen Chief Whip, are likely not to come out alive. Ironically, a number of Left-wing figures, prominent in the ten year struggle for centralised party control may themselves be swept away on the grounds of age to make way for younger comrades (who may make us years for them). Miss JOAN MAYNARD (no yearning there), is said to be in doubt at Sheffield (Brightside) where she practically initiated the whole process on the neck of Ennre Griffiths. The Revolution, it seems, occasionally devours its own grandmother. An interesting contest will be at Birkenhead for Mr FRANK FIELD who in a rational spectrum would pass as mildly Left-wing though a vigorously democratic kind. Mr Field, who has shown powerful moral resources in the past, has no inclination to die quietly; and a by-election precipitated by his resignation and appeal to the voters, is probable.

The process begun by Mr MIKADO ten years ago which changed the position of MPs by removing their control of the leadership and by instituting infamy, is coming gradually towards fruition. There may be a last irrelevant blaze of defiance in the shadow cabinet elections. That will have all the significance of the last tea dance on the Titanic. A new Labour party run by a coalition of Trotskyists, Soviet-liners and very strange people, is coming into existence. Some Conservatives may say, quite rationally, "Whatever is bad for Labour is good for us" and will cheer themselves with the prospect of an Alliance Opposition fit to be defeated by occasionally. Some of us will look at the irredeemable Labour laager in the North, Scotland and Wales and will see rather ugly performances involving the unilateralist part of the Liberal party, or alternatively a form of single party ascendancy which is ultimately bad news, especially for that single party. In barbarous developments there are few comforts to be taken.

AFTER BRIGHTON

ONE CONSEQUENCE of the Brighton bomb which may prove far-reaching has been the strong revulsion of American opinion. "Did Irish-American money finance the attempt to assassinate Mrs Thatcher?" is a question disturbing many Americans otherwise sympathetic to the abstract notion of Irish unity. We should not, of course, exaggerate the importance of such money to an organisation like the IRA which receives so much practical help in kind from the international terrorist network. And the Reagan Administration has, anyway, taken a number of legal and administrative steps to interdict the supply of American arms and money to terrorist groups.

Nonetheless, as long as the IRA receives any American help, more could be done to prevent it. The question is: what? No American Administration could compel a New York jury to convict IRA gun-runners. And while the British Government refuses to prohibit Sinn Féin, it is in a weak position to demand that Norain be banned. That leaves two courses of action. First, the United States Government could take advantage of the post-Brighton mood of public revulsion to prosecute its campaign of legal restrictions on terrorist front organisations and their activities even more vigorously than before. It is an excellent thing for Anglo-American relations that Mr CHARLES PRICE, the American Ambassador, will shortly be visiting Washington to urge precisely this upon the relevant law enforcement agencies. Secondly, leading American politicians should strongly and repeatedly denounce American assistance to the IRA without adding "balancing" words of support for the cause of Irish unity.

President Reagan, anxious to conduct a general campaign against international terrorism, has done so. But one worrying aspect of a hypothetical MONDALE administration would be the presence of Mrs FERRARO. Though formally condemning IRA terrorism, Mrs FERRARO has denounced British "occupation" of Northern Ireland, strongly criticised the use of plastic bullets as a violation of human rights in a matter on which the European Court entirely indicated the British Government this week, and suggested, absurdly and insultingly, that a United States "special envoy" be sent to Ulster to sort out the warring factions as in Lebanon. Such arguments all but legitimise NORAIN. They must surely be renounced.

SHARPEVILLE 1984

CRITICS OF SOUTH AFRICA, which means almost everyone, can draw great comfort from the news that 7,000 policemen and soldiers have been cracking down in three townships to the south of Johannesburg. Here, it will be said, is evidence that South Africa has not really changed. The fact that one of the townships is called Sharpeville adds a little piquancy to this line of argument. And yet the interesting point is surely that such action should have been necessary after much has changed.

For Sharpeville today is by no means the township of nearly 25 years ago. Though blacks still have no vote, many of them are members of increasingly powerful trade unions. They are richer too. And yet these improvements in their lifestyle have in no sense made them more quiescent. Rather, the opposite. It is ironic that the recent spate of riots, in which criminality seems to be intertwined with political protest, began after the election to the new Indian and coloured parliaments. The urban blacks of South Africa have never had it so good—though they deserve to have it better—yet they apparently feel every old injustice still more keenly.

In past months the South African Government has made much of its diplomatic successes which have served to reduce almost to zero the level of terrorist infiltration from neighbouring countries. There seem, however, to be quite enough actual or potential enemies already living inside the country. The South African Government can send in 7,000 men to deal in a stunningly effective way with the immediate problem, but they can hardly stay for ever. The townships, contrived by the policies of separate development, provide natural breeding grounds for dissent, black living alongside black. One suspects that in the long run it will not greatly profit the South African Government if it meets present grievances by doubling expenditure on black education and withdrawing rent increases. Will anything less than majority rule ever finally satisfy the country's blacks? Will even that suffice?

On the game in Fleet Street —at bingo's expense

IN the world of bingo we seem to be back with Two Nations. There are those who frequent bingo clubs and those who buy newspapers.

While the latter may take part with financial impunity and may be tempted by prize money as high as £1 million, those who go physically to find social company at bingo-social clubs in Britain are not only denied, by law, any prize above £5,000 in bingo played between clubs linking up to increase the joint jackpot but they are required to pay a Government-imposed tax of 10 per cent on all winnings, besides having to pay 15 per cent VAT on their participation fee.

According to the latest edition of Social Trends, published by the Central Statistical Office, no less than 84 per cent of Britain's 5.7 million regular bingo club players are female, 90 per cent of the total aged over 50. The clubs they attend, which dropped in number from 1,556 in 1962 to 1,325 today, are frequently to be found in former cinemas.

From my own observations in various parts of the country, they have, with rows of cinema seats removed and tables installed in their place, taken on the character of tea-room-type social centres where the old and lonely gather for company—particularly in those parts of Britain where no tea rooms remain or where a woman feels ill at ease in entering a pub alone.

Under existing law a newspaper may set up, without consulting any Government or judicial body, any number of games which it may describe as "bingo" or a variant of the same theme, may advertise the game's existence in its own pages, or on national television—all provided it makes no direct charge for participation. But the organisers of the bingo clubs to which the old women go must satisfy a Government appointed Board, must seek a Government licence and pay a licence fee, and must undertake not to advertise other than on their own premises.

INDEED, the procedures which have to be followed before any bingo-social club can be opened under present law are as follows:

- Legal requirement to apply to the Gaming Board, which will inquire under Statute into the applicant's character and suitability.
- Legal requirement to demonstrate local need for the club. This usually involves the cost of hiring an opinion poll company to conduct a special local survey and then paying the company to provide an "expert" witness.
- Appearance before local magistrates for grant of a licence. (Cost

£1,645 for grant of the licence, plus £645 a year annually thereafter for renewal.)

- Pay £20 for an employee's "certificate of approval," where staff are to be hired.
- Agree not to allow anyone to become a member unless 24 hours have elapsed since acceptance of their application form.
- Agree not to start playing before mid-day and to finish by 11 pm except on Saturdays and New Year's Eve, when an extra hour is permitted, and on Sundays when the hours are 2 pm to 11 pm, except in Scotland where they are 7.30 pm to 11 pm.
- Be prepared to admit Gaming Board "inspectors" at any time.
- Be prepared to admit VAT "inspectors" at any time.
- Agree to deduct and hand to the tax authorities 10 per cent "Bingo Tax" from any winnings that may

mainly middle-aged and elderly ladies find a happy atmosphere, which goes a long way towards removing that feeling of loneliness from which so many of them suffer.

Lord Harman-Nicholls, who was arguing for legislation to allow the bingo clubs to increase the maximum permitted prize under link bingo—under which various clubs combine—to be increased to £50,000, secured a Second Reading. But his Bill was lost with the dissolution of Parliament and though talks have since taken place between the Home Office, the Gaming Board and representatives of the industry on resuming its principles, no agreement has so far been reached. Thus the legal limit for link bingo remains at £5,000.

As one 75-year-old widow told me in a bingo club near Birmingham—an area which has 27 clubs, the largest number for its size in the country:

"I buy four newspapers each day just for their games. But I've had in cut down on the times I go to the club because I can't afford both forms of hingo."

One expert witness, called to support the application of a licence in the North put it this way:

"Most of these licences concern former cinemas, and the fact is that most of the local magistrates are loathe to see what they regard as a diminution in the character of the area taking place with a 'bingo club' replacing the cinema. But the truth is that many bingo clubs perform a social service."

"At one hearing I pointed out that for many elderly people living alone, the local bingo club was their sole chance to meet other people. And it was only when a regular failed to attend a bingo night that inquiries were ever initiated as to whether something was wrong with the woman, whether or not some accident had befallen her."

PEOPLE in Whitehall argue that newspaper bingo is different inherently from the bingo played in clubs because no amount of extra copies of that day's newspaper can improve a participant's chances, whereas the player in a club can buy extra participation cards.

It is certainly true that members of bingo clubs can be "persuaded" to part with money. But the clubs are forbidden under law to charge more than £4 (which comes to £4.60 with VAT) for admission and participation fees in any two-hour period.

The purchase of the six national dailies which offer prize money at present comes to £1.07, or £6.42 a week. No extra, of course, for VAT because newspapers are zero rated.

RODERICK JUNIOR compares sociable centres that contribute to taxes with their unaccountable newspaper competitors

Thus, if a woman wins £1,000, you may only pay her £500.

● Agree not to advertise except on the premises and to accept restrictions on the use of the word "bingo."

But it is not as if the bingo-social club industry is totally unsupported. Only last year, in the Upper Chamber, Lord Harman-Nicholls moved the Second Reading of a Private Member's Bill on the subject.

In the course of his speech, he commented on the disparity in the way in which newspaper bingo is treated:

"This restriction on bingo hall proprietors, however well conceived it was thought to be in 1968, has had the effect of disabling club proprietors from legitimately defending their business from the incursions of these other forms of gambling. The difference... is tantamount to a charge of unfair trading..."

But it does not stop there. The bingo proprietor is unable to tell people about the services he can offer. Limited though they are. He is not able to tell the public at large about these comfortable, well-managed meeting places, where there is social intercourse and togetherness for many who would otherwise be lonely. I emphasise that.

If we remove ourselves from the level of the High Court of Parliament and go into the towns and villages in this country, we will see that the people who regularly attend the bingo clubs who are

Law Lords make the Press pay

BRISK TRADE, and not a little resentment, is expected in the House of Lords Judicial Office tomorrow when the Law Lords give their judgments on whether the GUARDIAN was correctly ordered to hand over the documents leaked by Sarah Tisdall, the Foreign Office "mole".

It is the first case attracting wide interest since the Law Lords decided the Press should be charged for learning what they have decided and why. Judgments are not given orally in open court, but in written speeches which form a report to the House from its Appellate Committee.

The charge is not exorbitant, at £4 for a set of speeches, or £200 for a "season" covering some 80 judgments. But many lawyers are at one with the Press in regarding the principle as outrageous.

Despite its constitutional importance as the final court of appeal for cases from Britain and Northern Ireland, the House of Lords is now the only court which charges the Press for relaying its decisions to the public. Only the parties to the case, peers, MPs and Government departments will continue to receive judgments free of charge.

Making a meal of it

PRESIDENT MITTERRAND's visit to London yesterday further disrupted peace talks between the National Coal Board and the pit supervisors' union, Nacods, at the conciliation service, Acas, by jamming the mid-day traffic.

If the talks go on today, more precious time before the impending strike may be lost during a scheduled adjournment. Acas is celebrating its 10th birthday with a long lunch for 40 guests, attended by former officials, members of its council and politicians from the major parties.

But yesterday's halt was unforeseen. Ian MacGregor decided to stay for lunch at Acas's St James's headquarters, to a messenger was dispatched to bring the negotiators servings of chicken salad, his favourite dish. But to the dismay of all concerned, he was held up for an hour in traffic before he could return to refuel the coal men.

However disgruntled Nacods men are today over pit closures, their lot has improved considerably since the 1950s when they were paid less than the miners they supervised. Members used to be known for their union as the "National Association of Cam-carriers, Overmen Dopes and Suckers."

French leave

PRINCE PHILIP arrived with undisguised relief at the Barbican Exhibition Halls yesterday to present the first prize awarded in his name by the English-Speaking Union for the "best published work in English."

The patron of the three-day English Language Fair said he had just been at the State lunch for President Mitterrand and spent the whole time speaking French to his neighbours.

LONDON DAY BY DAY

So it was "a particular pleasure" to be promoting the mother tongue. The £1,000 prize went to "Seaspeak," a reference manual for international maritime communications, published by Pergamon Press. Prince Philip found himself in the rare position of heading a cheque to his "ubiquitous" chairman, Robert Maxwell, who fooled no one by saying he needed the money.

Tally of the damage

WHILE SECURITY measures are being stepped up and reviewed in the Palace of Westminster it seems timely to recall the devastation caused to the Houses of Parliament by the fire of Oct. 16, 1934.

An exhibition commemorating the 50th anniversary of the burning opened yesterday in the upper wing hall. It consists mainly of pictures culled from the dark corners of Ministers' rooms and the corridors of the building illustrating the ruin of the building.

A Privy Council investigation concluded that the fire was accidental and wholly attributable to carelessness and negligence. It had been caused by the indiscriminate burning of redundant daily sticks used to monitor accounts by the Exchequer, which so overloaded the House of Lords' furnaces that the fire spread to the main building.

Grace and a favour

AS A "veteran" of Young Theatre to Rhododendron, the company in the 1960s, that accomplished all-rounder Nicholas Grace was well fitted to honour its founder-director Peggy White at the 50th anniversary celebration yesterday in the headquarters of the parent body, the British Theatre Association, itself 65 this year.

He presented her with a copy of "All the World's A Stage," inscribed by its author Ronald Harwood, whose new play, "Tramway Road," by coincidence, opened last night at the Lyric, Hammersmith.

However, Grace's involvement with the YTA did not always bring the

hoped-for results. In 1968 he directed a play in Berlin which required a good deal of pyrotechnics. As smoke billowed across the footlights, 75 per cent of the audience departed, coughing and wheezing. The next day the headlines in one local newspaper read: "English director takes revenge on the Germans."

Signal bravery

THE HEROISM of two railwaymen, Ben Gimbert and James Nightall, who won the George Cross for detaching a blazing wagon loaded with 40 500-pound bombs from an ammunition train in 1944 is to be celebrated today at March in Cambridgeshire.

The two men saved the small town of Soham from annihilation on the night of June 2, 1944, when, with six minutes to spare, they attempted to separate the burning wagon from a train loaded with bombs and detonators.

When the wagon exploded minutes later it destroyed the local station and nearby houses and left a crater 15 feet deep and 85 feet across. Fireman Nightall, 22, and signaller Frank Bridges, 47, were killed.

Earlier this year Mrs Violet Gimbert was forced to sell her husband's George Cross. It was bought by Harlow businessman Christopher Clayton, who is presenting the medal, among others, to the two today.

On Monday this newspaper reported that Harlow city council wanted to remove a 50ft granite memorial to Rhododendron in the town of Soham, because it reminded Zimbabweans of the "colonial soldiers who died fighting for the British Empire." That same morning a reader in Norfolk received a letter from Bulwinton, Norfolk, "Remember Poppy Day."

Lofty bearing

SAXON KINGS, it seems, were not easily unseated from their thrones although Peter Cooley, Superintendent of Works at Wells Cathedral, tells me a high wind around the cathedral's west front in the 1830s toppled the 800-year-old sculpture of Edward the Elder, son of King Alfred the Great.

Edward was put back together with iron dowels, a fate which guaranteed massive erosion of the statue and which has led to Derek Carr, a sculptor from Timbury, near Bath, being called in to make an exact copy.

But yesterday the new statue, minus its head which follows later, was being lifted into its niche in the building. Cooley hopes the original weather-damaged figure will be given a well-deserved rest "somewhere out of the rain in honourable retirement."

Hard to swallow

AN AMERSHAM reader collecting sleeping pills from the local chemist found written on the bottle: "One to be taken at night. Warning: This may cause drowsiness."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How STUDENTS LEARN OF LIFE

SIR—Perhaps we shouldn't laugh, because it is deadly serious at the time, but don't students ever listen to their parents? All the same old mistakes are made as our generation made 25 years ago, the false economics and the misconceptions about parental contributions!

The sum of £1,500 a year is impossible to live on—but £1,500 for three eight-week terms is not.

The other 28 weeks are spent warm and well fed in the parental nest, at parental expense. Courtesy and helplessness while there can even induce the old scooters to pay for stout shoes, new bicycles or electric blankets.

To be a student is to learn about life, which includes managing money. You learn to do things for yourself rather than paying someone else to do it—from providing meals to maintaining bicycles.

Better still, you get someone else to pay you to do it, e.g. there is evidently an untapped market for engineering students to maintain bicycles!

GAY MURTON
Aberdeen.

'Inequalities' in the system

SIR—Your article "Undergraduates in the Gravel" (Oct. 18) hit the nail on the head as far as student living standards are concerned. The list of students who suffer because of "inequalities" in the system of student support grows longer and longer.

This has led to the National Union of Students receiving support for our submission for a complete review of the grant system from many quarters including the National Advisory Body for Local Authority Higher Education. Not yet, however, from Sir Keith Joseph despite the views of Mrs Thatcher on record in 1978 as calling for "... a thorough review of student grants to which... highest priority will go to a reduction in the parental contribution and... changes in discretionary awards." It seems the need to change was recognised even in the late 1970s.

Since then the need has become all the more apparent. About the world's first student grant reimbursement system have introduced further discrepancies. Students in Scotland and post-graduates

have one system, the rest another, whilst application to universities will drop as a result. In London for example, where average travel cost is £201 per year, over £50, or put another way, six weeks' disposable income, will be lost.

The student grant system is more than a "meal handed to the poor"—it is a blatant abuse of taxpayers' money and parents' responsibilities.

PHIL WIGLAS
Nat. President,
Nat. Union of Students,
London, N.7.

Grants are too high

SIR—Mr Tim Neale champions the cause of student grants, saying how meagre they are. However, he seems not to notice that the student grant is the usually above the average manual labourer supports his family.

The grant is far higher than is required and is generally so high as to have a detrimental effect on the students' employment prospects. Gone are the days when students lived in garrets. Modern students must live in a house in their bedroom and food cooked for them three times a day.

In addition to the student grant of £1,167 the grant covers tuition fees of about £850 per student. Next to all students receive some sort of parental contribution. For university students this averages out at about £1,000 per annum. Furthermore, most students claim unemployment benefit during the holidays, amounting to at least £500 per annum.

Working "on the black" as well might give a student a tax-free income of about £4,400.

I, thanks to the understanding university of St Andrews, financed myself with no grant. It was fairly easy making enough money to buy a car. I the tuition fees to pay my final year's fees of over £1,000 until just before I graduated in summer, 1985.

The modern grant system wastes vast amounts of money pouring it, almost literally, down students' throats, thereby making it unnecessary for them to learn anything about the world outside their extremely sheltered environment.

J. LAZARIDES
Lauceston, Cornwall.

Fixed personal positions among the jury

SIR—The trial of Dr Keith Hampson is surely an outstanding, even a classic, example to emphasise that the jury system now fails to perform a useful function (report Oct. 20).

To any thinking person who has served on a jury this has been obvious for some time, but unfortunately the onus of modification rests with persons excused jury service and therefore not aware of the realities of the jury-room. Jurors are press-ganged into service, and the vast majority bitterly resent this. The resentment is compounded when they are forced to become involved in cases such as the present one with its unsavoury ambience.

The vicious arguments which are a regular feature of jury-room discussion have to do with guilt or innocence of the accused, but with defence of fixed personal positions. When political figures are on trial, it can only be naive to think that they can be regarded as ordinary citizens by people expecting to reach a consensus of view when their viewpoints, on matter how divergent, do not have to be justified.

These facts, with added dimensions, have been faced in Northern Ireland. It is time they were faced in England.

K. WILFORD
London, W.12.

Resistance to oppression

SIR—In his letter of Oct. 16 on the 1919-1921 "troubles" Mr A. G. Powell refers to Charles Burgess (who Gaelicised his name to Cathal Brugha), as leading an "IRA murder gang." This appellation is a distortion of fact since the "murder gangs" were British, British Army, paramilitaries and police, who committed the most appalling atrocities in furtherance of an armed and illegal occupation.

The validity of resisting such oppression is based on moral, historical and geographical claims as well as the promulgations of the then British Government, which asserted the right of the independence of small nations, their right to freedom from outside interference and the right to use force to resist aggressive occupation.

Or is Mr Powell now saying that the allies who took the war into Germany, and extracted their pound of flesh with terrible bombing of civilians, were "murder gangs"?

L. B. MORRISSEY
New Malden, Surrey.

Ink and paper

SIR—I am grateful to Mr James M. Anderson (Oct. 19) for raising the important issue of the legitimacy of printed matter.

The British Medical Association, at its annual representative meeting, which was held in July, passed a motion that drew the attention of Government agencies to the increasing practice of printing documents with poorly contrasting ink and paper colours.

We have since been liaising with the Print Procurement Division of Her Majesty's Stationery Office to secure an assurance that their graphic designers give the highest priority to the legibility of printed matter.

MICHAEL J. GILKES
Chairman, Optometric Club,
British Medical Assn.,
London, W.C.1.

Tale of trees.

SIR—Further to Mr W. B. Whitworth's letter on "oak before ash" and agreeing that most folk-lore rhymes suggest that this means a wet summer, a splendid proverb to the contrary which also takes care of the modern weatherman's "unsettled" situation was collected by the Woodhoop Club in 1886 and is quoted in Ella Mary Leather's delightful "Folk-Lore of Herefordshire."

If the oak is in leaf before the ash,
Twill be dry and warm, and good
wham to through;

If the ash be in leaf before the oak
Twill be cold, and of rain too

If the oak and ash open their leaves
together,
Expect a summer of changeable
weather.

GORDON ASHMAN
Albrighton, Shropshire.

Education suffers as child is withdrawn

SIR—I do not regard myself as racially prejudiced in any way but I am most concerned to read about the Bradford headmaster who has attracted so much adverse criticism and would like to comment on one point.

It seems to me to be completely untenable for the Inspectorate to maintain that withdrawal of children from school for six to eight weeks is not having a deleterious effect on school work and achievement. This amounts to 15 per cent to 20 per cent of a whole school year and should represent a substantial loss to the child in ability to complete a syllabus of required study and attainment even at the lowest primary level.

Furthermore, over a 20-year period I have known heads be blurt to the point of rudeness to parents who for any reason whatsoever have attempted to exercise their right to withdraw their child from school, for the two weeks permitted for family reasons, in term time. The most dire results have been predicted for the educational future of the child and has, on the whole, acted as a deterrent to conscientious parents exercising this right.

No, one rule for the black and one for the white is not the way to racial harmony, nor is allowing the senior of the community to undermine its children's education and future in the best interests of the host or immigrant communities.

The head in question may have other complaints made towards him but in this matter he is completely justified in maintaining true equality in his school. If prolonged withdrawal is undesirable to white children then it is even worse to those who may be at a disadvantage through linguistic and other difficulties.

MARIAN MILDADY
Marlow Bottom, Bucks.

Wonderfully made

SIR—Does the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals have any clear evidence that the dissection of small animals has any deleterious effect on the minds of maturing sixth-form students, in particular in respect of their attitude to animal life?

A substantial part of the first 18 months of my medical education was spent in intimate association with the cadavers of some generous individual which we proceeded to dissect in detail. I would like to think that this exercise did not induce any callous contempt or cynical disregard for human life. On the contrary, those pre-clinical years afforded a fascinating revelation that we are indeed "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139 v. 13).

I hope my son is at present enjoying that same discovery.

(Dr) P. HICKMAN
Taunton, Somerset.

Speech difficulties

SIR—I have recently received an SOA 1 form from the Department of Health and Social Security, which asks me to claim a severe disability allowance. I suffered a stroke in 1967 which left my right side paralysed and I was unable to speak at all for two years.

Since then I have regained some speech but still have considerable difficulties at times in making myself understood and I am unable to write at all.

All official forms, such as the one I have just received, recognise deafness and blindness as major disabilities. How long will it be before speechlessness, from it, are given equal recognition in official documents dealing with disability?

DIANA LAIV
President,
Action for Dysphasic Adults,
London, S.E.1.

Identity unknown

SIR—A few years ago in a London theatre as I waited for "Pygmalion" to start, I overheard the young couple next to me: "My Fair Lady" was such a success that they got someone to make a straight play out of it."

RICHARD BERTHAM
Harrogate, North Yorks.

Race-row head finds little that is bright or beautiful

By MARGOT NORMAN Education Staff

MR Ray Honeyford, 50-year-old white headmaster of a 90 per cent Asian school in Bradford, the sound of 500 childish voices filing the gymnasium with "All Things Bright and Beautiful" yesterday morning must have been a relief after his ordeal of the night before.

He had been questioned for over four hours by a county sub-committee on the contents of a 32-page education advisers' report, and there was a real risk he might no longer have been headmaster of Drummond Middle School by morning.

Eventually the committee threw out a Labour motion to dismiss him.

It opted instead, after hearing him defend himself vigorously against a background of constant heckling, for a package designed to meet the report's most controversial finding that he had lost the "trust and confidence of a significant proportion of parents."

After more than a year of controversy, caused by an article in the Salisbury Review in which Mr Honeyford challenged some of the new orthodoxies of the race relations lobby, the decision should bring a full until Easter, when the committee receives a progress report.

Liaison teacher

The package drawn up by the council, which is Conservative-controlled with Liberal support, involves monitoring of the school, revised arrangements for keeping in touch with parents and of parts of the curriculum, the appointment of a "liaison teacher," and an accelerated re-building programme.

But Mr Honeyford is under no illusion that the Parents' Action Group, a pressure group dedicated to his removal, which he maintains is organised and funded by outsiders who are "getting between" him and the school parents, will abandon its campaign.

The group, fronted by a white patient, Mrs Jenny Woodard, and supported by local community relations council, same Left-wing members of the National Union of Teachers, and a leading light from the nearby mosque, plans to continue its Sunday evening campaign meetings at the community relations council offices.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said yesterday that he would be visiting Bradford's director of Education, Mr Richard Wright, arguing that Mr Honeyford would be trying to impede the council's wishes with a hand tied behind his back.

Mr Wright, who is a local authority, says the pressure group to dismiss him is a "distorted form requesting transfer of a child to another school" distributed by the parent action group, was

Facts fail to dampen spirit of Bradford

By BRIAN SILK

MR PETER GREAVES remained calm yesterday when he was told that he could lose two years of his life. "I'll take my chances," he said without a flicker of anxiety.

Mr Greaves is said to be at risk because he lives in Bradford. This, according to a set of statistics, reduces his chances of survival.

The people of Bradford have been confronted with two social surveys on the city in the past few days.

The first, from the independent Reward Regional Survey, found it to be the cheapest place in the country with a cost of living 17 per cent lower than average.

But the population hardly had time to digest this welcome information before the bad news arrived in the shape of a report from the city's own council. This declared Bradford a "poverty zone" of low incomes, poor health and lack of services.

Not impressed

Among the report conclusions is the following warning: "Living conditions are affecting general health and now a 40-year-old man can expect to live two years less than the national average."

Mr Greaves, a textile worker, is 57 and statistically has three years to which to leave if he wants to complete his natural life span. However, he is not impressed by statistics.

"I leave Bradford? You must be joking. This is my home and I am staying here. As he looks fit, does not smoke, drinks with moderation and keeps himself in condition by jogging he hopes fully will escape the destiny forecast for him."

Rolls and Merces

As for poverty he feels Bradford is "no worse than anywhere else." The lady behind the counter in a city centre newsagents echoed his sentiments.

"This report is nonsense," she said. "Bradford is very prosperous. There are more Rolls-Royces and Mercedes here than anywhere else I know. All the pubs are packed at night."

Mr Samuel Cunliffe, 60, who came into the shop for a newspaper, commented: "People are better off here today than when I was a lad. I don't know why the council is knocking Bradford but I don't like it."

TAX-PLAN PROTEST

Shops, bars and restaurants closed throughout Italy yesterday in a one-day protest by shopkeepers who say a proposed Government tax reform would put thousands of them out of business. They object to a plan to make them pay a means-tested tax for the beginning of next year pending their annual income declaration. —Reuters.



One of Torquay's "boat people"—Mr Derek Langley who lives on the 18ft yacht with his dog. With him is Ken Crawley who owns the boat.

£80,000 ALBERT HALL BOX

By KEITH NURSE Arts Correspondent

A TEN-SEAT grand tier box at the Royal Albert Hall, one of only three still owned by direct descendants of the original holders, is up for sale.

Offers in excess of £80,000 are being invited for the 822-year interest in the box, possession of which entitles the holder to free tickets for all performances other than exclusive or charity presentation.

Cluttons, the chartered surveyors, have been instructed by the trustees of the Freake Estate to dispose of the interest in the box.

It was acquired 120 years ago by Charles Freake, one of Victorian London's most successful speculative builders.

He was later created a Baronet on Gladstone's recommendation for his major contribution to the building of the Royal College of Music, now the Royal College of Organists, next to the Albert Hall.

EUROPE PRESS 'PAID TO BACK' NEUTRON BOMB

The Carter Administration set up a covert CIA operation in 1978 to persuade European journalists, possibly by payment, to report favourably on neutron weapons and expose Russian attempts to stop deployment, according to a Washington Post report of a Harvard University study.

The operation, plus praise for the weapons from European officials, apparently "had a marked effect on Western Press coverage," according to the study written for Harvard's Kennedy School of Government by a David Whitman.

In April 1978, President Carter delayed production of the neutron bombs, which kill people but leave structures intact. The weapons are now being produced under President Reagan and are being stored in the United States.—AP.

VINE APPROVAL TOO LATE FOR FARMER

By Our Lisbon Correspondent

A Portuguese farmer, long since dead, has had an application to plant vines on his property approved, 16 years after first submitting the request.

According to a news report yesterday the farmer, Alfredo Vieira, made a written application to the Portuguese Agriculture Ministry in 1962. Approval was finally granted last week in the Government Gazette.

The permission was based on a law only promulgated in 1978, 11 years after the farmer had sought permission. Portugal imports nearly 70 per cent of its basic foodstuffs in part apparently due to a medieval bureaucracy.

POLLING CHANGE FOR PASSOVER

By Our Local Government Correspondent

The date of London borough and district council elections in 1986 will be postponed by one week from their normal date because the first Thursday in May that year falls during Passover.

Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, said in a written Commons reply the change had been made in response to representations by the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The elections will be on May 8.

BACK ON TRACK

By Our Arts Correspondent

Performances of "Starlight Express" were resumed yesterday after a minor collision between two roller skater performers brought an early end to the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical at the Apollo Victoria on Monday evening.

DHSS sells hospital for £6m 'deposit'

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

A LONG-RUNNING row between the Department of Health and the Duke of Westminster's Grosvenor Estate over the future of the now disused St George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, was settled yesterday.

The Department announced that it had agreed to sell its school interest in the site—once called "Europe's most valuable office site"—to Grosvenor Estate for an initial payment of £6,100,000.

It will receive a further payment dependent on the size of the rental achieved once the 155,000 sq ft site has been redeveloped.

The deal involves the sale of about one acre of land including Nos 1-9 Knightsbridge and half the buildings fronting Hyde Park Corner. Grosvenor already owns the rest of the site.

The agreement ends more than 16 months of negotiations over the sale during which the Grosvenor Estate accused the DHSS of arrogance and intransigence.

Restoration clause

Last month the estate broke off negotiations after the Department turned down its £6,100,000 offer and demanded nearly twice that amount.

Planning permission was given in 1981 to the Location of Industry Bureau for 200,000 sq ft of offices, on condition it restored the original 19th century listed building, designed by William Wilkins, architect of the National Gallery.

The building is expected to become a showpiece for local authorities to demonstrate in companies the benefits of residing in other parts of the country.

The DHSS said the agreement contained a pledge by the Estate to retain some of the important architectural features of the existing building.

TUBE ROOF BAN ON TRAVELLERS

India yesterday banned drunks, smokers, protesters plus people riding on the roof from the country's first underground railway.

A Presidential order issued ahead of the imminent opening of the first stretch of the Calcutta Metro said offenders would be fined or jailed. The ban on roof riding is to foil a popular way of avoiding fares on ordinary trains.—Reuters.

Massive security for Mitterrand visit

By CHARLES LAURENCE

UNDER the watchful gaze of an unprecedented number of security officials, President Mitterrand of France stepped from the Royal train at Victoria Station yesterday to begin a four-day State visit.

With a barely perceptible bow and a brief formal handshake with the Queen, he embarked on a day of pomp and ceremony to mark the 80th anniversary of the "entente cordiale."

The climax of the day was the Royal banquet, televised for the first time, at Buckingham Palace, where the President and Mme Mitterrand are staying as guests of the Queen.

All around Victoria, discreetly posted, SAS men joined officers from the Special Branch, the Anti-Terrorist Squad and the Diplomatic Protection Group in an operation believed to be the largest mounted by the Yard.

There had been fears that in the wake of the Brighton bomb explosion, the IRA might mount a major attack to embarrass the Government.

Buildings along the route taken by the open carriages from Victoria to the Palace were searched, marksmen were posted on the rooftops, while plain-clothes men mingled with the crowds on the pavements.

Uniformed police on horseback and on foot patrolled the sealed-off streets around the station, Whitehall and the Palace, while a helicopter hovered overhead.

The Queen, in a blue and grey tweed coat over a striped silk dress and a blue hat trimmed with feathers, was joined by Prince Philip, the Prince of Wales and Princess Alexandra with Mr Angus Ogilvy to greet the president.

President Mitterrand also met Mrs Thatcher, Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, and Sir Kenneth Newman, Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

Today the President is to address the Houses of Parliament before a lunch at 10 Downing Street, followed by talks with Mrs Thatcher.

DACCA WELCOMES PRINCESS

By JENNY SHIELDS in Dacca

PRINCESS ANNE received an ecstatic welcome as she arrived in Dacca, Bangladesh, from London yesterday at the start of her three-week tour of the sub-continent.

Hundreds of sightseers packed the terminal of Zia Airport to watch her arrival, which was marked by tight security.

She was greeted by the British High Commissioner, Mr Terrence Streeton, Air-Vice Marshal Sultan Mahmud and an honour guard of Girl Guides. Dressed in a cool green linen dress, Princess Anne looked relaxed and cheerful as she stepped to chat to several of the sari-clad girls before entering her car.

On the 12-hour flight from Britain, through passengers had to remain on board when the plane stopped at Doha and Calcutta. On both occasions, armed guards watched closely as passengers left and joined the aircraft.

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Fashion snags hold M & S profit to £113m

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MARKS AND SPENCER'S determination to catch the younger woman buyer with co-ordinated ranges of fashion clothes misfired in the first half of its current year, and the group had to cut prices to shift the goods.

In common with much of the fashion trade, Marks saw poor business in July and August, but there was a considerable upturn in September. Keith Oates, financial director, said yesterday that he believed the company had learned the lessons of the summer and that its autumn ranges were rather better.

Although the clothing result is disappointing by Marks standards it is important that it is kept in perspective by investors always looking for "upside".

In fact clothing sales, even in the latest half year, are up by 7.6 p.c. in turnover to £645 million. By volume, clothing sales were 6 p.c. ahead, indicating that price increases were kept in check below the level of inflation.

Reporting first half profits up from £105.6 million to £113.4 million before tax to new chairman, Lord Rayner, admitted that clothing sales had been disappointing. He added that therefore the cost of stock reductions was high.

The half year covered the 26 weeks to September 29 and, although the results were at the lower end of stock market analysts' expectations, the shares closed the day unchanged at 118p following an initial dip to 115p.

Problems in the fashion area of Marks' business had been foreshadowed at the annual meeting last July. In his last speech as chairman Lord Sieff had said that women's and children's outerwear was performing below expectations.

Nevertheless, the clothing result still compares poorly with other Marks activities. The footwear business continued to accelerate and in contrast to the market leader to



Lord Rayner, new chairman of Marks and Spencer, half-year profits up to £113.4 million pre-tax.

THE Johnson Matthey rescue operation entered the political arena yesterday with Mr Lawson, Chancellor, deliberately distancing himself from the Bank of England's handling of the affair in response to Parliamentary questions.

At the same time the big high street banks, which might in the past have meekly taken their cue from the Bank of England, are understood to be in open rebellion over the part they are being required to play.

Highly-placed sources say the clearing banks are anxious to force a complete rethink of the rescue operation. They believe the Bank of England should consider running down and eventually liquidating Johnson Matthey Bankers, the bullion bank at the centre of the three-week-old rescue drama.

Until now the Bank of England approach has been to nurse JMB back to health by organising a series of indemnities in the City to cover unexpected loan losses and then sell it back to the private sector, either as a whole or in parts.

The clearers naturally resent being asked to contribute £50 million towards the £100 million indemnity scheme being organised by the Bank. They do not see why they should risk their own shareholders' money to save what appears to be an extremely badly run bank and to spare the Bank of England the embarrassment of having to close down a recognised bank.

The clearers are not convinced that it was necessary to save Johnson Matthey Bankers to protect wider City interests and prevent a crisis of confidence in the gold market.

Some top bankers also feel there are practical arguments against trying to save JMB. They say overheads are extravagantly high and unless there are drastic moves soon to cut costs losses could start to mount on a daily basis.

If the banks do eventually agree to support the Bank of England indemnity scheme they are likely to insist on cost-cutting measures as the price of their involvement.

Meanwhile, sources in the City are trying to keep the Bank of England at arm's length over the whole affair, insisting yesterday following the comments made in his Mansion House speech last Thursday.

In response to a Parliamentary question from Dennis Skisoor,

Clearers rebel over Matthey rescue role

Labour M.P. for Bolsover, why he had authorised the Johnson Matthey rescue, the Chancellor said yesterday: "The Bank of England did not require my authority in order to carry out these operations."

Unlappily for the Bank, questions over the Johnson Matthey affair are unlikely to stop there, even though the general City view is that the decision to rescue the bank was probably unavoidable under the circumstances.

It is revealing that the Bank of England's own sensitivities have been sufficiently roused for Christopher McMahon, the deputy Governor, to devote much of a speech to industrialists yesterday in defending the Bank's role.

According to Mr McMahon, the Bank acted because it believed that if it had failed to rescue JMB "incalculable damage would probably have been done to other banks operating in the same field and, through further extension of contagious mistrust, quite possibly to other banks still within the City who were not in the bullion business, might have been thought to be heavily exposed to the banks already under threat."

The jury is still out.

Sinking into the Red

ANY DAY now the pound may sink below par with the ruble. The official rates of exchange for the ruble are fixed in Moscow against a trade-weighted basket of currencies and normally reviewed about once a month.

In times of turmoil on the foreign exchange markets, as at present, it may be looked at every fortnight or so. When the sterling-ruble rate was last adjusted on October 12 the pound fell to 1.0465 rubles.

When the ruble-dollar rate was adjusted last week, the pound was not affected, but the 2 p.c. fall in sterling last week against the dollar raised the possibility of the pound at 90 kopeck in the not-too-distant future.

Fortunately it is unlikely to affect the cost of living or undermine the balance of payments. Virtually all trade between the Soviet Union and Britain is invoiced and settled in hard currencies.

The Soviet Union prices its oil in dollars, and most of its other exports are priced and paid for in dollars or Deutschmarks, the two currencies the Soviet Union needs most. Most British goods are invoiced in sterling or in dollars with the Russians usually having a favourable balance.

The main sufferers from a strong ruble will be the trickle of visitors to Moscow who are obliged to buy their rubles at the official rate of exchange.

But the pound has fallen less against the ruble than it has against the dollar. The current official rate is down only 7 p.c. this year and 8 p.c. over the past 12 months.

The ruble exchange rate has rather more relevance for international trade between Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, much of which is carried out in rubles.

Surprisingly, the official rates of exchange have moved quite a lot over the past year with the ruble rising against the Polish zloty and even the East German mark, which is pegged to the Deutschmark. But the ruble seems to have depreciated slightly against the Bulgarian and Czechoslovakian currencies.

Savoy profits doubled

IN WHAT Savoy Hotel describes as a "most successful" half year trading, pre-tax profits have more than doubled from £1.59m to £3.27m. Increased patronage of all its hotels and restaurants by guests from both home and abroad improved turnover to £24.3m (£19.8m).

Since the end of June, business has continued to be very good and the board is confident that this will be reflected in profits for the year.

L & N higher

LONDON & NORTHERN Group's half-year pre-tax profits have jumped from £8.8m to £14.7m, including United Medical Enterprises for the full period as against just eight days in the comparative half.

Profits for the closing months are expected to show an increase over the first. The interim dividend is lifted from 1.5p to 1.85p, payable 15c from earnings of 4.8p. 14.1p at least maintenance of last year's 2.8p final is intended.

Norsk progress

NORSK Hydro, the Norwegian industrial and energy concern, reported third quarter profits of Nkr65m compared with Nkr412m, to make a nine month total of Nkr3.1bn against Nkr1.75bn.

Board expects the favourable business climate will continue throughout the year to end December.

Wessanen issue

WESSANEN, the large Dutch food group with major interests in the United States, is to raise about £9.5m by way of a private placing in London of new bearer depositary receipts representing Ordinary shares up to a maximum of 11 p.c. of the current issued Ordinary share capital.

The introduction is being arranged by Morgan Grenfell and application has been made for a London listing.

USM placing

ROCKERS Phillips and Drew are raising 1.8m shares (20 p.c.) at 140p in Share Drug Stores, a discount retailer of toiletries and household goods.

In five years to September sales grew from £5.5m to £16m and pre-tax profits from £120,000 to £551,000. Dividends this year are forecast to be 1.1p a share.

There are 50 stores in the chain and 15 more scheduled for opening this year. First dealings on the USM are due on October 25.

Amex chief quits

AN APPARENT management conflict with American Express executives has forced Edward Safra to step aside as chairman of the financial conglomerate's international banking unit.

Mr. Safra, who was named chairman of American Express International Banking Corporation just eight months ago will relinquish control of the company's overseas arm next January.

GM profits drop

GENERAL MOTORS reported a larger than expected drop in its third quarter earnings. Profits in the July-September period were \$16.8m, down from \$26.9m in the same quarter last year.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (AMC Gen.)	181.80 - 0.30
BAISELS	
Index	163.20 + 0.35
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,090.8 - 10.4
HONGKONG (Hongkong)	1,045.16 - 7.89
NEW YORK (Dow Jones)	1,213.01 - 4.19
PARIS (CAC General)	179.00 - 0.20
SYDNEY (AF Ordinaries)	741.8 - 3.6
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	11,029.95 - 47.89
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	311.60 - 0.20

U.S. RATES

Federal Funds	9 1/8% (9%)
Treas. 3-month bills	9 1/8-9 1/4 (9.56-9.51)
Long bonds	107.08 (107)
Yield	11.62 (11.63)

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MONEY & EXCHANGES

Sterling gains against dollar

STERLING gained more than three quarters of a cent yesterday against a much weaker dollar, ending the day at \$1.2075 against \$1.1900 on Tuesday. A key factor was the expectation of a resumption of talks between the Coal Board and Nacors.

The pound's average international value rose from 74.4 to 74.6. The combination of pit hopes and a better performance for the cost of money in London's wholesale money markets, with the three-month interbank rate falling over 10 p.p. to 10.5 p.p.

The Bank of England played its part by buying £275 million of bills from the discount house to keep the banking system liquid.

INTEREST rates in the local authority yielding bond market have edged higher again this week - from 10 1/2 p.p. to 10 3/4 p.p. Issues are again at a pace and the borrowers include City of Birmingham District Council (£150m), London Borough of Ealing (£100m), Southdown County Council and the Borough of Northampton (£750,000 each).

THE POUND ABROAD
23-10-84
America 25.92-94
Australia 2.00-01
Canada 1.50-01
France 6.50-01
Germany 2.30-01
Italy 1.35-01
Japan 160.00-01
Netherlands 2.20-01
New Zealand 2.00-01
Norway 4.80-01
Portugal 200.00-01
Spain 166.00-01
Sweden 4.60-01
Switzerland 1.50-01
The Netherlands 2.20-01
The United States 1.20-01

OTHER MARKET RATES
23-10-84
Australia 2.00-01
Canada 1.50-01
France 6.50-01
Germany 2.30-01
Italy 1.35-01
Japan 160.00-01
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EUROCURRENCIES
23-10-84
1 month 9.00-10.00
3 months 10.00-11.00
6 months 11.00-12.00
1 year 12.00-13.00
2 years 13.00-14.00
3 years 14.00-15.00
4 years 15.00-16.00
5 years 16.00-17.00

FORWARD RATES
23-10-84
1 month 9.00-10.00
3 months 10.00-11.00
6 months 11.00-12.00
1 year 12.00-13.00
2 years 13.00-14.00
3 years 14.00-15.00
4 years 15.00-16.00
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GOLD PRICE
23-10-84
1st Flt 850.00
2nd Flt 840.00
3rd Flt 830.00
4th Flt 820.00
5th Flt 810.00
6th Flt 800.00
7th Flt 790.00
8th Flt 780.00
9th Flt 770.00
10th Flt 760.00

PLATINUM NOBELS
23-10-84
1st Flt 1,200.00
2nd Flt 1,150.00
3rd Flt 1,100.00
4th Flt 1,050.00
5th Flt 1,000.00
6th Flt 950.00
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9th Flt 800.00
10th Flt 750.00

NEW SOVEREIGNS
23-10-84
1st Flt 1,200.00
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SHARE DRUG STORES PLC
(Incorporated in England under the Companies Act 1948 to 1967 No. 1012615)
Share Capital
Issued and now being issued fully paid
£100,000
PLACING BY
COUNTY BANK LIMITED
1,800,000 Ordinary shares of 10p each at 140p per share
24th October, 1984

UNIT TRUST PRICES

AUTHORISED TRUSTS

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CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD.
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DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGMT.
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EQUITY AND LAW UNIT TRUST
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FINLAY JAMESON UNIT TRUST
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CONFIDENTIAL APPLICANT RESPONSE & EVALUATION

AN AD INTERNATIONAL (UK) LTD.

GENERAL MANAGER

c.£18000 p.a.
Distribution/Transport specialists, our client needs an experienced manager to develop a key distribution centre in the Preston area. Reporting to the Director, you will be responsible for the total operation, providing a profitable, cost effective service, meeting demanding levels of customer requirements, developing and maintaining a highly productive, motivated workforce, and achieving agreed objectives. Five years senior management distribution experience in a unitised environment is essential together with first hand experience of on-site negotiations, salary, cost, pension and profit related bonus. Benefits include a negotiable salary, car, pension and profit related bonus. Ref: 10/4132

PROJECT ACCOUNTANT (OVERSEAS) to £16000 p.a.
This appointment will appeal to a young qualified accountant with a desire to work abroad for about two years. Our client is a major British construction company with interests in several locations around the world, with particular emphasis on West and North Africa, the Middle and Far East. You will be responsible for the complete financial and accounting function in a designated area, reporting to a Regional Manager and to the Financial Director in the U.K. Benefits include a tax free salary, free accommodation, three periods of home leave annually and the chance to develop a sound career. Ref: 10/4133

YOUNG ACCOUNTANT c.£13000 p.a.
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ACCOUNTANT c.£15200 p.a.

Our client is a major force in telecommunications, and due to rapid expansion has an urgent need for an innovative young accountant with at least 2 years post-qualification commercial experience, to fill a key role at their offices in Central London. Your background should include in-depth exposure to computerised accounting, preferably in a multi-national company, developing computerised systems and experience in an environment demanding flexibility. You should also have the ability to work under pressure, meeting strict deadlines in the challenging position. Our client would welcome applications from non-qualified accountants with extensive experience in a related field. The usual blue chip benefits apply. Ref: 10/4138

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All applicants must have an appropriate degree or equivalent (including overseas) acceptable qualification.

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Papua New Guinea

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Ref.No: VIS/CA/39

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(a) Airframes, Engines and associated systems

(b) Radio Systems and equipment

Salary: K. 16,820 (£13,456) p.a.

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Qualifications: Candidates must possess an Aircraft Engineer's licence and at least 8 years' experience in the aircraft industry after obtaining that licence and have extensive experience in the maintenance and supervision of the airworthiness of aircraft or aircraft engines and associated systems and equipment. Sound knowledge of relevant Civil Aviation Regulations and the ability to conduct investigations and prepare technical reports are essential.

Senior Investigator (Air Safety)

Salary: K. 20,520 (£16,416) p.a.

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Department of Works & Supply

Ref. No. VIS/WS/40

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Papua New Guinea



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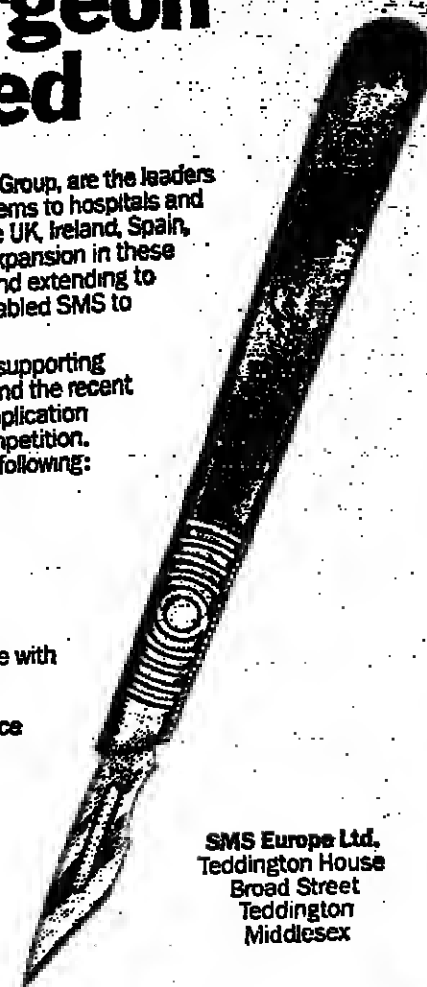
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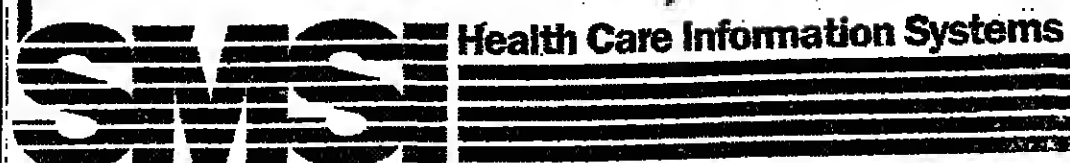
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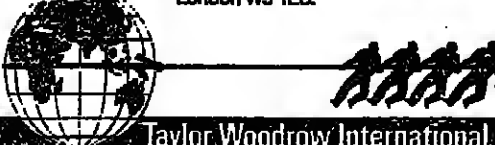
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GARETH DAVIES PLANS HINT TO SELECTORS

GARETH DAVIES, unwilling expert at not impressing those who choose Wales teams, views this afternoon's Cardiff game against the Australians at the National Ground (2.30) as a welcome but rare opportunity to disprove the theories of the national selectors, writes John Mason.

"Playing against the Australians is a big match for me—there aren't too many of them these days," he said yesterday with feeling. Not only Cardiffians will sympathise with Davies, whose exclusion from the national squad smacks of narrow-mindedness.

It was against the Australians six years ago in Brisbane that Davies succeeded Phil Bennett as the Wales outside-half. That day he had Brynmor Williams as his scrum-half. Six days later, in Sydney, Terry Holmes became his international partner for the first time.

The last of the 18 caps Davies, a British Lion in 1980, has won for his country was against Scotland in March 1982. Since then irrespective of prodigious feats for Cardiff, he has been excluded from the squad that the Wales selectors, the Big Five, assemble.

"When I was left out of the Welsh squad again last time," he said yesterday, "I was on the verge of giving up because everybody strives for

something. As a player you must have ambition.

Alan Jones, Australia's coach, is prepared for Cardiff to accentuate their scrumming before setting hands and feet in a scrum-half, during the week-end, Jones said. "I reckon the meat must have been prepared by a New Zealand chef."

But Australia's coach has not lost his sense of humour. Commenting upon the stomach upset endured by Phil Cox, today's scrum-half, during the week-end, Jones said: "I reckon the meat must have been prepared by a New Zealand chef."

"The scrum is 'God' in Wales," added Jones, "and we will be a lot stronger. We weren't as bad as many thought at the end of the England series seem to think that their pack was a good one. Four of those forwards play against Australia on Saturday week and two more are reserves.

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Melville's single-minded 7 year itch



Nigel Melville... special thought... for three opponents.



Mark Ella... inquired about Melville.

AS Nigel Melville takes a quick last glance around before the start of England's match against Australia on Saturday week at Twickenham, he will pause for a fraction of a second as he examines the opposition. Rivalries do not lessen respect.

In that fleeting moment before applying himself fully to the demanding responsibilities of "being England's scrum-half and captain in his first international, Melville will be thinking particularly of three opponents.

All things being equal, Mark Ella, outside-half, Michael Hawker, centre, and Chris Roche, flanker, all seasoned internationalists, are certain to play against England. For Melville they are familiar opponents — friendly rivals.

Seven years ago, an Australian School side paraded through-out Britain a splendid array of skills. They were noblemen and only a single-minded attempt to become progress.

First choice Ella, Hawker and Roche were to that side and Melville, then 16, played against them for the Northern School. The first of his England 19-group coaches of the day offering the lad from Ayrshire Grammar was on his way.

Within 18 months of playing against a side that had even the hard-bitten forward coaches of the day offering the lad from Ayrshire Grammar was on his way.

was renewing his acquaintance with Australian ideas and attitudes towards the game.

In the summer of 1978 Melville was first-choice scrum-half in the England 19-group side that went through Australia unbeaten in addition to defeating New Zealand.

Only the other day Ella made an interesting inquiry about Melville, wondering what his international future might be and when his knees would permit him to play flat out. That very evening Melville was playing in Belfast.

When Ella takes the field on Saturday week, he will win his 20th cap. He is three years older than Melville who, in other circumstances, could well have been collected from the England camp for this match instead of his first.

Excellent beers It is a fascinating thought that Melville, who has always acknowledged gratefully the importance of school rugby here and overseas in his development, has spent seven years of his life in a single-minded attempt to become progress.

I say seven years because almost from the start, there were snags. Noises from Yorkshire, that they had a teenager, who listed his other hobbies as fell walking and collecting fossils, well able to do the job nicely, thank you.

Melville was to have played against Scotland in March, but the Scotland referee's ankle in the final minute of a squad session at Stourbridge the preceding Monday prevented him from doing so.

can induce him to think kindly of the areas in the intervening period up to and including last July when he made a miserable reading. Subtle that even Melville's 11th birthday commensurate wavered for a while and he considered abandoning the game.

When any sort of mildly strenuous activity causes your left knee to become a painful puffy mess, when a succession of operations, prostheses and examinations apparently fail to get you properly on your sporting feet, life can be depressing.

Wry humour But the practical Melville has been one to think of others, especially those least fortunate than himself. In appreciating the plight of those physically restricted for whatever reason, he re-affirmed his determination to get back on the field "to see what would happen."

There is a wry humour about Melville's operation in July. "It was to be over the debris," he says. A quiet return deliberately unpublicised (it cost him a smile in the smokescreen) via the third and the second, helped to set him up.

Appearance, England's training at the Stoop in mid-September, left knee heavily strapped. There was a smile, because the previous season, after a Saturday match, Sundays had been his hobby.

There is another thought which might fill through Melville's mind before Bob Francis's New Zealand referee begins the Twickenham match: in his first international against Australia, a schools game in which he scored two tries in a 3-0-6 win.

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Haileybury retain unbeaten record

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HAILEYBURY have reached half-term with a 100 per cent record. They gained their fifth win by 17-0 over Blundell's, who had played a 16-16 draw with Sherborne a week earlier.

M. Hogue, Haileybury's full-back from New Zealand, set them on their way with three well-struck penalty goals and S. Hawkins, right wing, scored two tries later.

Spectacular long-distance tries by W. Fawcett (2) and N. Smith highlighted Cranleigh's 20-10 victory over Tarrant. St. George's Waybridge were never behind against a lively Belmont Abbey side. They took an early nine-point lead, were caught at 12-12, but won 21-12.

Sharper backs M. Simmonds, outside-half, with skilful kicking and a superb individual try, played a big part in Brighton's 16-10 success against Walsley. Reigate's backs, sharper and more confident, outplayed Walsley, scoring six tries in a 32-4 victory. On Saturday, however, Reigate must not expect to be nearly as good as they were in the previous season, after a Saturday match, Sundays had been his hobby.

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LAW SHIFTS ON RACE 'INSULTS' THE POLICE

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

MR ELDON GRIFFITHS, Conservative MP for Bury St Edmunds and adviser to the Police Federation, accused the Government last night of "astonishingly insulting the police force by adopting a change in the laws of England that blatantly discriminates against the serving policeman."

He was protesting in a statement about the Government's intention to accept an amendment to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill following a

debate in the Lords last Friday.

Mr Griffiths said: "This is an amendment which Lord Whitehead, Leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Hurd (then Minister of State Home Office) had previously rejected in principle on behalf of the present Cabinet."

"This seeks to make racial discrimination a specific offence under the police discipline code, requiring punishment—dismissal, demotion, fine, or imprisonment. This amendment, previously rejected on Government advice in two standing committees of the Commons, is as unnecessary as it is offensive to the police."

"Not police alone"

He added: "The police service must, of course, be subject to any change in the law that applies to all other citizens."

"Parliament wants to tighten up our racial discrimination laws and to make this a specific disciplinary offence in the case of those who come into frequent contact with minorities, such as housing officers, social workers, probation officers, and many other civil servants, then by all means let us include the police."

"But not the police alone. There is no evidence whatsoever to suggest that they uniquely practice discrimination in this country."

"The Government was defeated 71-65, a majority of six, on a third-reading amendment advocated by Lord Scarman, an independent peer, who wrote a report on racial discrimination in the police in 1979. It was absurd to say race relations were not a matter for the Bill."

"The Bill will return to the Commons tomorrow."

"I hope many of my colleagues in Parliament will strongly resist this discriminatory action against the police service," said Mr Griffiths last night. "Home Office Ministers are being uncharacteristically wet in accepting this Lords amendment."

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Miners' talks

By JOHN RICHARDS

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widening them into an all-out bid to end the 25-week conflict in the coalfields over pit closures.

Union chiefs see the Nacods threat as a trump card in forcing the Board to make further major concessions to meet both Nacods and N.U.M. claims.

Mr Peter Lowry, Acas chairman, and Mr Dennis Boyd, chief conciliator officer, were testing the situation between the Board, the TUC and the two unions. They were prepared to stay as long as it took to reach a peace formula.

The main issue, on which both the N.U.M. and Nacods were united, was a demand that Mr Ian MacGregor, Coal Board chairman, must withdraw his proposal for four million tonnes cutback in coal capacity.

It was suggested that some ground had already been conceded to Nacods in an undertaking that minimum future capacity would be 100 million tonnes a year, compared with 87.2 million tonnes involved in the proposed 4.8 million tonnes cutback on last year.

But the N.U.M. still demands that the Board must abide by the 1974 Plan for Coal which envisaged a 1.5-million-tonnes industry in 1985 as a base for further expansion.

"This was also insisting that a drastic restructuring of the industry should be introduced, independent of the Board, to deal with pits under threat should not look only at "closure" issues. It wanted the worst "closure" deleted from the document.

The N.U.M. was insisting that the Board should drop its attachment to operating "in line with principles of the Plan for Coal" and agree, instead, to operate "in line with the Plan for Coal."

A compromise being floated was that the closure programme should not only be revised and agreed by the Board, but that it should also be subject to some form of re-packaging or re-representation at local area level through the existing pit review procedure.

This would effectively meet Mr Scargill's demand that only the closure which the unions claim could hit a further 20 pits, with the loss of 20,000 miners' and 2,000 deputies' jobs—is taken away, would a settlement be possible.

If the talks fail, a Nacods walk-out following an 82.5 per cent ballot vote would hit the coalfields in Nottinghamshire and other parts of the Midlands which have been producing a vital 700,000 tonnes of coal a week to keep power stations supplied and electricity flowing through the national grid.

Nacods will picket collieries in Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire and South Derbyshire, and N.U.M. members, working on striking, have national union instructions not to cross their picket lines.

The gap is 'bridgeable'

The Coal Board believe that large numbers of Nacods members would ignore a strike call and maintain that coal production will continue, despite the disruption.

The Board emphasises that two of the main Nacods demands—for a withdrawal of guidelines which insisted on pit closures and for a revision of the colliery review procedure by the introduction of the independent appeals machinery—have already been largely met in earlier talks.

Mr Peter McNestry, Nacods general secretary, said earlier yesterday that the difference between his union and the Board were "bridgeable." But he complained of newspaper advertisements placed by the Board asserting there could be no further concessions because there was nothing more to give.

But if the talks continued until tonight, it would not be possible to postpone the strike tomorrow.

Mr McNestry rejected the suggestion that his union should hold a fresh strike ballot.

"We have had a democratic ballot and that stands," he said.

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THATCHER BAGS A 'SLOANE'

By GODFREY BARKER

MRS THATCHER lashed a defenceless man with her handbag yesterday, the first time she has used this weapon in Question Time.

The unfortunate MP who took the full brunt of its contents was Mr Anthony Charles Lynton Blair, the gut-ridden Sloane Ranger who represents the miners at Sedgfield, Durham, for Labour.

Being a lad of decidedly genteel birth, he no doubt had a frisson over the Prime Ministerial unorthodoxy.

Mrs Thatcher dived for the handbag after Mr Blair, regrettably, made a somewhat ill-mannered scold during her reply to him.

The boy had cooed in Sloane tones that the Chancellor's recent speech about the miners, being an economic, not a social, problem, "had the air of a humiliating confession."

Sheer gentility

Mrs Thatcher looked momentarily bemused, as mon ami Francois would put it (welcome, M. President).

Blair's act as a gent fell hard among the poor, or perhaps by his taunting of thought, undisciplinedly betraying an Oxford education now so fashionable in the Labour ranks and so foreign to Mr Kinnoch.

Equally, from the sheer gentility of it all, she may have thought—without looking up—that the question hailed from a Tory.

Anyway, it was Mr Blair, upon expiring his Bohemianly ruffled personage, the Prime Minister proceeded to gherkin-hast him, as they say in jive, with some economic realities about the mines.

In the midst of this, "Tony" (as, like you in Who's Who to call him) suddenly gave a proletarian choke and waved rudely.